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One Calamity Too Many for the Achille Lauro

ROME - It had sailed the seven seas, gone round the world in 80 days. En route, it had braved the shoals of bank-ruptcy and bloodshed, terrorism and controversy. And on Wednesday, it met

Abandoned by all 979 passengers and crew, the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro blazed and seemed to be subsiding into a sea full of sharks after fire devoured the vessel as it sailed off the Horn of Africa on a Christmas cruise from Italy to South Africa.

The Neapolitan owners, Starlauro. said two passengers were killed and eight

injured as flames began licking around the passenger cabins at 1:30 A.M. Wednesday, catching many passengers in evening dress from a party, or in their nightgowns. By Wednesday evening, the 23,479-ton vessel, built for Dutch owners in 1947, and in Italian hands since 1966. was still burning and listing.

While its owners said it might survive the night, the Italian transport minister, Public Fiori, declared: "The Achille Lauro is now lost. It is still burning and sinking lower into the water."

As night fell and the Indian Ocean swells began to rise, new worries emerged about the safety of some 650

survivors gathered on the exposed and inhospitable deck of an oil tanker that rescued them, the Hawaiian King. Two U.S. Navy warships, the cruiser Gettysburg and the frigate Halyburton, were heading toward the tanker to take the survivors on board, the owners' South African agent, Daphne Osborne, said in

[Two U.S. helicopters took food, water and medicines to people aboard the Hawaiian King, Reuters reported from Dubai. The U.S. Navy said the helicopters would make several more shuttle runs of food and medicine on Wednesday night.] What was to have been a sun-kisser

Christmas cruise through the Mediterra-nean and the Suez Canal and across the equator to Durban, South Africa, ended some 100 miles off the coast of Somalia in the Indian Ocean as fire broke out in the engine room, flames began licking through the Achille Lauro's passenger cabins and the engines abruptly stopped,

survivors and shipping officials said. But it was also the end of a chapter in Italy's nautical history. Buffeted, in its time, by financial problems, accidents and much controversy, the Achille Lauro is best remembered by most non-Italians as the cruise liner hijacked by Palestinian

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Jets Drive Home Message to Renegade Russian Republic

GROZNY, Russia - Planes bombed a government military airfield in the Russiau rebel province of Chechnya on Wednesday, and its leader told women and children to flee the capital, Grozny, before an ultimatum set by Moscow expired.

On Tuesday morning, President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia gave the Chechen president, Dzhokar Dudayev, and the op-position trying to oust Mr. Dudayev 48 hours to lay down their arms and stop

unilaterally proclaimed independence had been killed. from Moscow in 1991, if the ultimatum was ignored.

The Achille Lauro, the ill-fated "Big Blue Liner" that once steamed around the world in 80 days.

Reporters saw at least three planes drop between 10 and 15 bombs on the airfield, which is about five kilometers (three miles) from the city center, and set at least 10

The airport commander, Elmirzayev Akhmadov, said he saw four jets in the attack, which resulted in no casualties. He fighting.

Mr. Yeltsin said he would introduce a attacked on Tuesday, as had Grozny's ciafternoon.

state of emergency in Chechnya, which vilian airport, and that an airport guard

Forces loval to Mr. Dudayev responded the planes. People in the streets screamed and ran for cover.

"In view of the situation, it would be a good idea to evacuate women and children," Mr. Dudayev said in a statement issued through his aides.

"Quick, go home!" a telephone operator attack, which resulted in no casualties. He told customers at a downtown post office said that the military airport also had been after the roar of jets was heard Wednesday

The Kremlin-backed Provisional Council, which is trying to topple Mr. Dudayev, and officials in Moscow said the planes did with anti-aircraft fire but appeared to miss not belong to them. There are no military airfields in the region controlled by the Chechen opposition.

A senior opposition official told Reuters: "They were not our planes. Obviously they were Russia's. The Russians are going to bring the troops in. Basically it is already decided."

Mr. Yeltsin's ultimatum on Tuesday was clearly motivated by a threat issued by Mr. Dudayev on Monday. (Reuters, AP)

Bosnia's Factions Rebuff UN Chief

Butros Ghali's Dire Warning: Peacekeeping Mission May End

By Roger Cohen

SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovina Spurned by the leader of the Bosnian Serbs after a week of humiliations in Bosnia, the secretary-general of the United Nations warned Wednesday for the first time that the peacekeeping mission here might have to end.

Declaring that Bosnian Muslims and Serbs must now cooperate with the belea-guered UN mission, Mr. Butros Ghali said in a statement: "My message to them is that unless they do this it will become impossible for me to persuade the Security Council to keep the United Nations protection force here."

His statement came after a day in which he was jeered by the people of Sarajevo and unceremoniously snubbed by the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, who refused to appear at a planned meeting because its location was not on Serbianheld Bosnian territory.

The contemptuous rebuff from Mr. Karadzic made a mockery of attempts by Mr. Butros Ghali to secure a Bosnian ceasefire, and turned a high-stakes diplomatic foray to the ravaged Bosnian capital into a

The Serbian refusal to show up Wednesday demonstrates that the cooperation Mr. Butros Ghali said was essential will be hard to obtain. Despite this poor augury, he said he would try to avoid recommending a withdrawal, but noted that the Security Council might soon take the matter out of his hands.

The secretary-general's public statement stopped short of an ultimatum. But an official present at Mr. Butros Ghali's meeting with the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, said the secretary-general pre-sented a "stark warning" about a withdrawal and reminded the Bosnian government of the impending end to the UN's mission to Somalia.

To this, the official quoted Mr. Izetbegovic as replying, "But that was Africa,

The tough stance adopted against the Muslim-led Bosnian government despite the Serbian attack on northwestern enclave of Bihac reflected the fact that all Western countries — including the United States - appear to have concluded from the Bihac crisis that the war is now being provoked by both sides and pressure must be applied on everyone to end the fighting.

Previously, the Clinton administration had declined to put strong pressure on the Bosnian government, citing the intense suffering of the Muslim civilians of Bosnia at the hands of the Serbs and the right of the Muslim-led Bosnian government to be armed and to fight back.

But the fact that the current Serbian offensive on Bihac came as a response to an initially successful attack by the Muslim-led Bosnian forces, who broke eastward out of an enclave where they have

been encircled for most of the 31-monthold war, seems to have led to a policy shift. Yasushi Akashi, the top UN official in the former Yugoslavia, said the severity of Mr. Butros Ghali's warning about the need for an end to the fighting and the possibility of a United Nations withdrawal had surprised the Bosnian government.

Mr. Butros Ghali had hoped to secure a cease-fire on Wednesday, for the Bihac pocket and for Bosnia as a whole. This would have created a better environment for a meeting of ministers from the United States, Germany, France, Britain and Russia, who are due to discuss adjustments to an international peace plan in Brussels on Friday. But his mission failed.

After being mocked by a Sarajevo crowd weary of the war and deeply disillusioned

Kohl and Mitterrand sidestep their disagreement on Bosnia. Page 4.

with the efforts of the United Nations in Bosnia, Mr. Butros Ghali said Mr. Karadzic's decision to snub him "projected a bad image on his policy, on his attitude and even his personality.

Mr. Akashi went a little further, saying he was "disappointed and a bit mad with Mr. Karadzic."

But the Bosnian Serb leader has had his way for some time and clearly felt there was no reason to compromise Wednesday. His decision not to attend the meeting reflected the fact that the Serbs' continuing assault on the Muslim enclave of Bihac has revealed all UN threats and NATO resolutions as empty, suggesting that the Serbs have little to lose from going it alone and

continuing the war. "Militarily speaking, the Serbs' tails are up so they simply feel they can call the shots," said Sir Michael Rose, a British lieutenant general who is the commander of a United Nations force in Bosnia. The soldiers under his command have been held hostage and otherwise huminated in recent days.

There are more than 24,000 United Nations peacekeepers in Bosnia. But with no peace to keep, their mission has become increasingly murky. About 500 of them are currently detained by the Bosnian Serb

The incapacity of the United Nations force to protect its own people from such humiliation or to protect a UN-designated safe area such as Bihac has now been comprehensively demonstrated. At the same time, their ability to serve as shield for the Serbs against any international military action had been underlined.

Ejup Ganic, the vice president of a Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia, said the Bosnian government had told Mr. Butros Ghali that it would accept a three-month cease-fire but would not enter any further negotiation with the Serbs until they accept an American-backed peace plan.

In Turkey's Bleak Cities, Militant Islam on the Rise

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ESENSEHIR, Turkey - Esref Cosan is a new arrival in this mud-and-concrete satellite of Istanbul, a man of the countryside more used to tending his bechives than hustling for work on construction sites that have no jobs to offer.

In many ways, though, his uprooting from village to city is the story of modern Turkey.

When he and his family arrived here the other day, fleeing the civil war against Kurdish guerrillas in the southeast, they became part of a wave of migration to the cities that has shifted the nation's center of gravity from village to metropolis.

And, propelled from Anatolia's far reaches by poverty and war, needs and dreams, this great column has come to represent another phenomenon, far more troubling to Turkey's authorities and their Western allies: the grist of an Islamic movement that would challenge the secular core and Western leanings of the 71-year-old republic.

As Turkey's cities bulge beyond control and traditional political parties seem unable to confront the most basic economic and social problems, the main beneficiary from this upheaval has been the militant Islamic Welfare Party, which now controls Ankara, Istanbul and a host of other cities.

The Islamic campaign here is at an early stage, and

there is no immediate prospect of the militants' unseating the conservative government of Prime Minister Tansu Ciller. But there is no question that the movement is growing.

Islamic revival is familiar from Algeria to the Gaza Strip, from Egypt to Iran. In Turkey, it challenges the very secular core of the republic founded in 1923 by Mustafa Kemai Ataturk.

And its emergence in this Western-inclined land has cansed concern among secular Turks that the nation's nonreligious principles, known as Kemalism, are at

"Kemalism is at an end," said Fehmi Kuru, a See TURKEY, Page 4

NBC Wants to Pull the Plug on Murdoch

By Bill Carter

NEW YORK - In a direct challenge to the very existence of the Fox television network, NBC filed a petition Wednesday with the Federal Communications Commission asserting that the stations that form the heart of Fox are illegally foreign-

NBC asked the commission to rule either that Fox must drastically reduce its level of foreign ownership or that all other U.S. networks may seek unlimited foreign investment

Hong Kong's stock traders bade a farewell of sorts Wednesday to Jardine Matheson, the trading house whose rise

traced the territory's own, as the com-

pany was replaced on the bourse's blue-

chip Hang Seng index. Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. and

de León, on Wednesday named a mem-

ber of a conservative opposition party

as his attorney general, a first in the history of Mexico's ruling party.
Fernando Antonio Lozano Gracia, of

NBC contends that if the commission explicitly sanctions the ownership arrangement that underpins Fox, in which more than 99 percent of the equity is held by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., which is based in Australia, it would eradicate 60 years of policy excluding foreigners from owning U.S. broadcast properties.

This kind of brawling was unheard of until recently in the once-gentlemanly world of network television. But the atmosphere has changed: ABC, CBS and NBC not only have the sprawling monster of cable television to contend with, but also

Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd. plan to remove their listings from the bourse

completely on Dec. 31, as part of a

move to distance the company from the

colony before China takes control in

1997. The company is moving its head-

ary Party since it took power in 1929.

Mr. Zedillo and his 22-member cabi-

net, which will include three women,

will be sworn in Thursday.

quarters to Singapore. (Page 16)

Kiosk

A Pillar of Hong Kong Falls Away

Opposition Figure Is Given a Top Mexico Post

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's the conservative National Action Party,

MEXICU CITI (ATT)

president-elect. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce will be the first attorney general who is not from the Institutional Revolution-

Fox, which is aggressively trying to take business from them.

NBC's action, called a petition for rulemaking, requires the commission to respond, although it is not under a specific deadline. Preston Padden, Fox's president for net-work distribution, said Fox's application

for licenses had been "blessed by the FCC in 1985" and that the commission then had all the information it needed. In addition, Mr. Padden said the com-

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches debate on the world trade agreement on Wednesday, as the Clinton administration

his cabinet telephoned wavering senators, as surveys showed that supporters of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade were at or near the 60 votes needed to win a procedural vote on a budget waiver, a prelude to the vote on the accord itself, which needs only a simple majority of the

"We do expect that by the time the vote said the White House press secretary, Dee

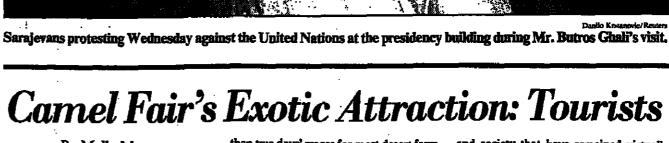
A poll by The Associated Press showed 59 senators supporting the agreement or leaning toward support, 23 against or leaning toward opposing it and 18 undeclared. On Tuesday, the House of Representa-

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WASHINGTON — The Senate began voiced growing optimism that it had enough senators to achieve a final congressional victory. President Bill Clinton and members of

is cast tomorrow, we will have the votes on both the budget waiver and the bill itself,"



Camel Fair's Exotic Attraction: Tourists

By Molly Moore

PUSHKAR, India - For 400 years, camel herders and farmers have converged on this holy city deep in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan to buy and sell camels, troll the market stalls for new saddles and gawk at tribal people from faraway villages.

In recent years, however, an exotic new tribe has been attracted to the ancient desert fair, offering new opportunities to ogle: Western tourists. The desert camel drivers marvel at this bizarre breed that turns red under the desert sun, views the world through black boxes held in front of their faces and is willing to pay \$2 (more India, as part of its new efforts to open

up to the outside world and its hard currencies, has begun promoting remote, indigenous fairs and festivals as major tourst attractions. In the last several years, the Pushkar Camel Fair - reputedly the largest camel market in the world -- has become the most popular festival among forcign tourists visiting Rajasthan, the northern desert state that is now India's top tourist draw.

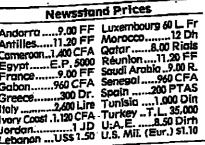
And so it came to pass in October that the 20th century collided with a culture

than two days' wages for most desert farm-ers) for an hour's ride on a lumbering unchanged since the 16th century.

Desert tribesmen arrived with their families and household possessions piled high atop medieval-style wooden carts drawn by camels after 14-day treks across the desert, while tourists arrived in shiny, new, air-conditioned tour buses that made the same trip in seven hours.

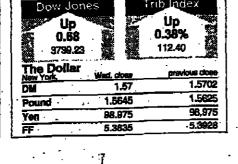
Both a carnel driver, Bhagwan Singh, and a French tourist, Olivier Bernicat, haggled with shopkeepers over the price of a new camel saddle, an elaborate wooden contraption. But while Mr. Singh, with his,

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By Tom Buerkle

BRUSSELS — Germany's effort to enlist its European Union allies in the fight against orga-European Union allies in the fight against organized crime and in coping with immigration hit a stone wall of objections on Wednesday, turning issues of paramount public concern into a showcase of European disunity.

A draft German convention for Europol, a Netherlands-based agency designed to tackle in-ternational crime and drug trafficking, was blocked by France and Spain at a meeting here of EU interior ministers.

Paris wanted to impose tight national controls that would effectively neuter the agency, while Madrid demanded that Europol give it a hand in combating terrorism by Basque separatists and

A separate German initiative to forge a common EU position on immigration also met with a rebuff from allies who were not keen to accept immigrants from Germany or to help Bonn pay for taking care of them.

"There's a complete blockage, and it's clear grim," Padraig Flynn, the EU commissioner in

EU Offers the East

Post-Summit Talks

Bonn and Paris Strike Deal

On Invitation to 6 Countries

BONN - In a compromise said Axel Sauder, an analyst at

that keeps the eastward expan-sion of the European Union at Policy. "The generational

least symbolically on track, the change in both countries could Union has invited the heads of bring people to power who are

six prospective East European less emotional about the bilat-

member states to a meeting eral relationship, more soberly next week in Essen, Germany, absorbed with their own na-

"After some consideration rand attempted to play down and consultation with our part- their countries' disagreements

ner countries, we decided to in- by noting that Germany and

vite the heads of state and for- France never agreed on every-

out the message that the Euro- strike the decisive compromise.

tional interests."

co-German summit of its kind."

Mr. Kohl and Mr. Mitter-

thing yet usually managed to

Europe," while Mr. Mitterrand

said Europe would inevitably

become "more and more (eder-

Members of Mr. Kohl's con-

servative Christian Democratic

Union recently proposed

strengthening the European

Commission and European

Parliament in order to create a

more federal Union, but Mr.

Balladur this week said that notion was outdated and called

for a more flexible form of mul-

The compromise on Eastern Europe, which foresees a one-

and-a-half hour meeting with the heads of state of Poland.

Hungary, the Czech Republic,

Slovakia, Bulgaria and Roma-

nia following the summit meet-

able to France and the

minimum acceptable to Germa-

ny, which initially wanted to

invite its eastern neighbors to

participate in the summit talks.

■ A Warning From Moscow

The Russian Foreign Minis-

ter, Andrei V. Kozyrev, warned

tilateral cooperation.

Mr. Kohl said he no longer dreamed of a "United States of

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune

next week in Essen, Germany, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said

eign ministers simply to send

pean Union is not running a 'closed shop,' " Mr. Kohl said.

at a joint news conference with

President François Mitterrand and Prime Minister Edouard

Balladur of France after two

days of bilateral consultations

aimed at establishing a tenta-

tive agenda for the summit

"We want to show these

countries that they will be wel-come if they want to join the

Union when their domestic and

economic situations permit it,"

In a separate agreement, Ger-

many and France moved closer

to forming a joint arms pro-

curement agency open to other European allies and pledged to

reach agreement soon on coop-

eration in military reconnais-

On several other economic,

political and foreign policy is-

sues, however, Germany and

France politely agreed to dis-

agree, leaving the countries'

leaders nostalgic for less divi-

sive days and the agenda for the

Essen meeting as open as ever.

have long been the motor of

European integration, are showing less and less inclina-

tion to compromise on funda-

Germany and France, which

meeting.

Mr. Kohl said.

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He made the announcement

that the ministers aren't prepared to go any charge of interior matters, says in a report to be any time soon. One official said privately that the ministers aren't prepared to go any charge of interior matters, says in a report to be any time soon. One official said privately that the ministers aren't prepared to go any charge of interior matters, says in a report to be any time soon. One official said privately that the ministers aren't prepared to go any charge of interior matters, says in a report to be further," an EU official said.

The result was not unexpected, coming after have little to show when he is host to fellow EU leaders at Essen on Dec. 9 and 10.

The deadlock also illustrated the growing difficulty EU countries are having in extending policy cooperation beyond economics and the single market. Such moves require unanimity, something that the Union will find only harder to achieve when it takes in Sweden, Finland and Austria in January.

Immigration and crime are regarded as press-ing problems by all EU governments and their citizens, and leaders are agreed that the chal-lenges surpass the ability of national capitals to respond to them alone.

But one year after the Maastricht treaty inaugurated EU cooperation on interior and justice affairs, the record of achievement is "pretty

Britam's home secretary, Michael Howard, made it clear Wednesday that his country would not contribute sensitive data to Europol if they would be open to such inspection. German officials see little chance of progress

delivered to the ministers Thursday.
Interior and justice affairs are "the most diffi-

cult area of all" to find common ground, said

Juan Alberto Belloch, the Spanish minister, be-

cause internal security for most countries is

wrapped up with tradition, culture and national

agreeing on a convention for Europol, and Ger-

many has pressed hard because its long border

with Eastern Europe has left it the most exposed

become a European FBI, with enough indepen-

dence to analyze crime figures and track specific

Bonn wants Europol to have the potential to

to crime gangs operating out of the region.

EU leaders had set an October deadline for

sovereignty and was unlikely to budge before the French presidential election in May. Tellingly, Mr. Pasqua did not even attend the meeting Wednesday, sending France's delegate to the EU

There was no consensus on immigration either Wednesday, even though the problem has be-come more European and less a strictly German

interior minister, has made Europol an issue of

The tightening of Germany's liberal asylum laws last year has cut the number of asylum demands by two-thirds, to 92,000 from January to September this year, while in the Netherlands the number has shot up 60 percent.

individuals or organizations. France has argued for a more-limited exchange of information within the agency, with national capitals able to inspect files at any point. The lack of progress on immigration and crime carried a silver lining for German officials and the EU's Executive Commission. They hope the dismal record will force member governments to abandon the current intergovernmental anproach to policy, which requires unanimity in all matters, and adopt a more flexible approach at a major EU conference in 1996.

WORLD BRIEFS

Ukraine to Receive No Extra Security For Signing Accord on Nuclear Arms

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Ukraine, insisting on security guarantees in return for giving up nuclear arms, will get no special commitments from the major powers when it formally renounces

its nuclear status Monday, diplomats say.

Ukraine will sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty on the margins of a European security summit in Budapest. Kiev says it has won security guarantees from major powers in exchange.

The deal, which includes Western promises of

aid, will end a dispute over what Ukraine should do with nuclear weapons left on its soil after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991. Russia, the United States, France and Britain will sign a memorandum on Ukrainian security.

Police Raid East German Rightists

MAGDEBURG, Germany (Reuters) - The police in Saxony-Anhalt state raided the homes of far-right extremists and seized weapons and neo-Nazi propaganda there, the interior minister of the East German state said.

The official, Manfred Püchel, said the police operation was directed at 25 members of a group calling itself the "Middle German Assistance" and which had renamed itself "Wittenberg Fellowship" after a ban imposed by state justices.

Saxony-Anhalt state had witnessed a surge in rightist violence and crimes in the last year. From January to October, the registered 612 crimes of a neo-Nazi or far-right nature compa. 7 with 291 in the same period in 1993.

Berlusconi Still Prepared to Testify

ROME (Reuters) - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said Wednesday that he would still meet Milan magistrates investigating him for possible bribery as a dispute raged over whether their inquiries had been hobbled.

Mr. Berlusconi, who denies any wrongdoing, said he was outraged by speculation that a supreme court decision on Tuesday to switch a related trial away from Milan, dealing a blow to the magistrates, had been politically motivated. "I have said that I can go to the Milan courts and state my case whenever I have a free moment," he said.

Reports that the Court of Cassation had decided to switch a bribery trial involving 49 defendants from Milan to the nearby town of Brescia had led to speculation that the investigation involving allegations of bribes to tax police by Mr. Berlusconi's Finivest business empire could face severe delay.

Tories' Challenge to Major Fails

LONDON (Reuters) --- Prime Minister John Major escaped a challenge to his leadership of Britain's Conservative Party on Wednesday, giving him a breathing space to try to restore the government's political fortunes.

Right-wing critics of Mr. Major had threatened to back a nohope candidate for the post merely to demonstrate the degree of unrest in the governing party over Mr. Major's leadership.
But Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the committee responsible for

running party elections, said the critics had been unable to get the required support from 34 Conservative members of Parliament. one-tenth of the parliamentary party. Leadership challenges can only take place once a year, in the autumn.

Burma Buys More Chinese Weapons

LONDON (AFP) - Burma has signed a second defense contract with China, this one for helicopters, armored vehicles, field guns, assault rifles, parachutes and patrol boats worth \$400 million, Jane's Defense Weekly reported Wednesday.

The London-based trade weekly said the helicopters, small arms and parachutes appeared destined "for a planned offensive against the Homong, the Shan State headquarters of Burmese drug lord Khun Sa." Khun Sa, whose Mong Tai guerrilla army is the largest rebel force in Burma, with an estimated strength of 15,000 to 18,000, operates along the Thai-Burmese border.

Jane's said new contract, signed last month, followed an initial package worth \$1.2 billion for armored vehicles, trucks, rocket launchers, anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles. It added that the Burmese Air Force had ordered 36 jet fighters, 24 support aircraft and four transport planes, while the navy had taken delivery of 10 Hainan ships and was finalizing a deal for two

Homosexuals Granted El Al Benefits

JERUSALEM, Nov 30 (Reuters) - Israel's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that El Al airlines must extend the same benefits to same-sex partners of gay employees as it does to partners of heterosexuals.

In a decision hailed as a victory by homosexuals and assailed by rabbis, the court upheld the petition of an El Al flight attendant, Jonathan Danilovitz, who fought a five-year court battle to force the national carrier to bonor his request for an annual complimentary flight with his partner.

Mr. Danilovitz turned to a labor court in 1989 when the airline turned down his request for the flight, a privilege extended to heterosexual couples. That court ruled in his favor, and the Supreme Court rejected El Al's appeal, saying the airline must extend equal rights to gay couples.



BALKANS STANDOFF -- Workers in Salonika, Greece, on break as a Greenpeace activist chained to rail tracks tossed an orange. Activists took over part of a chemical factory to protest the production of ozone-depleting substances.

Court Hands French Financier a Setback

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

PARIS — A court placed the business empire of Bernard Tapie in receivership on Wednesday, a bitter blow for the French

Mr. Tapie, a plumber's son turned financier, still faces a hearing about his personal finances Dec. 14, which legal exhaust and the process of the personal finances Dec. 14, which legal exhaust and the process of the present that the process of the process of the process of the process of the present that the process of the process derail his possible ambitions for the French presidency.

The Commercial Court of Paris stopped short of declaring Mr. Tapie's companies in bankruptcy, which would have forced him to relinquish his seats in the National Assembly and the European Parliament and would have made him ineligible to run for president and mayor of Marseille next

Wednesday that Moscow might Instead, it ordered Mr. Tapie's convorefuse to sign a framework accord on relations with NATO if luted finances to be placed under the conthe alliance adopted a timetable trol of court-appointed administrators unfor expanding eastward, til May 30 — that is, after the presidential elections which will be held in two rounds Agence France-Presse reported at the end of April and the beginning of

May. The court will then decide whether or not to wind up the business empire.

ment against him.

The court judgment temporarily halted action by the Crédit Lyonnais bank to recover debts of 1,22 billion francs (\$226.5 million) from the tycoon. In July, the bank seized part of Mr. Tapie's collection of antique furniture and works of art. The Treasury, which is investigating Mr. Taple for tax evasion and business fraud, also claims his assets

In another hearing Wednesday, Mr. Tapie lost an appeal against a million frac (\$186,000) fine for overstating the value of one of his companies on the Paris stock exchange. Last week, he was ordered to pay 66.7 million francs in taxes for falsely

registering his yacht, the Phocéa, as a commercial ship rather than a pleasure craft.

round Monday night after being defeated 1-0, by the lowly, second-division team Niort. The French soccer league had condemned Marseille to play in the second division this season because of a matchfixing scandal.

Mr. Tapie said Wednesday night that he had fired the Olympique Marseille coach, Marc Bourrier, and had named Gérard Gili to succeed him, effective immediately. Mr. Gili, 42, was the team's coach from 1988 to 1990.

Mr. Tapie, 51, a former salesman and pop singer who leads the MRG, or Radical Movement of the Left, drew an unexpected 12 percent of the vote in the elections for the European Parliament in June.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Polish Ferry Unsafe, Finns Declare HELSINKI (Reuters) — A Polish car ferry was stopped from

leaving Finland after checks showed faults in its outer bow door, a Finnish maritime official said Wednesday.

The ferry Pomerania was due out of Helsinki with about 250 passengers aboard late Tuesday but was stopped a few hours before they were to embark, said the chief maritime surveyor, Veikko Inkinen.

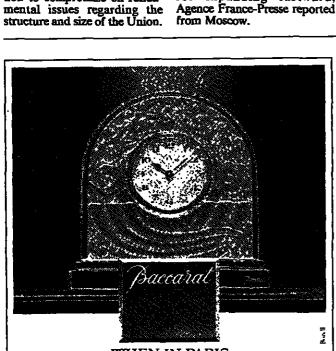
"I think the vessel was unsafe," Mr. Inkinen said. "It was unseaworthy because of faults in the closing and locking devices of its bow door." He said the faults were discovered because of tighter inspection procedures introduced in Finland after the ferry Estonia sank on Sept. 28 with the loss of more than 900 lives.

About 900 Nordic tourists will be evacuated from Gambia, and future trips will be canceled because of political instability, tout operators said Wednesday in Copenhagen.

To counter drunken driving, police in Belgium will begin fining drivers 3,750 francs (\$116) — and 5,000 francs beginning Jan. 1—

if alcohol in their blood exceeds 0.5 milligrams per liter. The old limit was 0.8 milligrams.

The construction of a highway past the Egyptian pyramids ressed ahead Wednesday despite an order from President Hosni Mubarak suspending work pending the outcome of an archaeclogical study. The manager of the company building the road said no such order had been received. (AFP)



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TOPICS In Battle of the Sexes,

An Educational Pause Is co-education not all it

was cracked up to be? That appears to be the conclusion of recent studies in Berlin and Hamburg.

In tests in those cities, certain classes of 12- to 14-yearolds that had been mixed chemistry, physics, biology and physical education were separated by sex. The first conclusion: Girls partici-pated more and showed greater self-confidence. What's more, behavior in

classes that were still mixed also improved dramatically. This might have had something to do with the self-defense courses that were offered to girls. One boy later

complained to a teacher, "She threatened to break every bone in my body if I kept bothering her." Such threats might help explain why there was less teasing at the end of the experiment. But there was also less violence, reports the German daily Die Welt.

Around Europe

France should follow a "third path" between legaliza-tion and repression of drugs, an advisory panel of "wise men" recommends in a new report.

The National Consultative Committee on Ethics notes that tough measures have failed to stem widespread drug use, but that outright legalization "could lead to increased usage of dangerous products." It thus urges that controlled drug use be allowed in private settings, and that only public use, or use that may be harmful to others, should be punished.

French drug penalties

for simple possession, and up to 30 years for trafficking remain among the stiffest in Europe. Only Britain, where possession of some drugs can lead to life imprisonment, has tougher laws.

from 2 to 10 years in prison

The Dutch draftees' union has advised members against serving with United Nations forces in Bosnia, the first time the union has told conscripts not to go to war. "We say it's too difficult for

these boys, with an average age of 19, to say whether or not to accept the risks and danger," said Ed Jeeninga of the Union of Conscripted Sol-The Dutch Defense Minis-

try disagrees. "Let's face reali-ty," said Major Henk Schenkers, "life is full of risks."

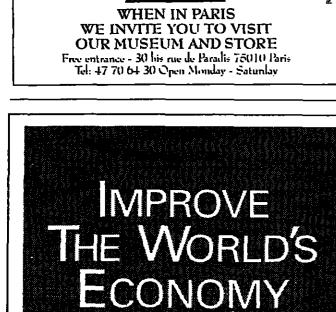
The union gained prominence fighting for the 40-hour garrison workweek and the rights of draftees to wear long

hair and earnings. The Bosnia issue may be the last chance the union gets to flex its muscles. The last Dutch draftee is due to be called up in April 1996.

She was a small, neat, 50-

year-old woman, who looked every bit the part of the wellloved nursery school principal that she was. But life had taken some tough turns: Her husband suffered serious mental problems, the marriage floundered, the bills piled up. She started working nights. And that was her downfall. Last September, the police came to arrest her in the courtyard of her school in a Paris suburb. And this week she received a two-year suspended sentence for pandering. She said she had received no money for her activities, which followed a part-time career as a prostitute; she only wanted to help

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Retirees Draw on Military Lessons as They Start a 2d Career in Classroom

By Eric Schmitt New York Times Service

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BALTIMORE - When Staff Sergeant Arthur Moore retired last spring after 20 years in the army, he decided to stop complaining about public schools and do something about them: He applied for a job as a fifth-grade teacher at Samuel Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School here, City school officials quickly hired him. Male teachers are a premium in any public school, but especially at the elementary level," said Emma J. Hamlin, the principal at Coleridge-Taylor, where 7 of the 27

teachers are men. "We're fortunate to have someone with his background." As the shrinking American military pares its Cold War forces, thousands of retiring members of the armed forces like Mr. Moore are turning to a new \$65 miltion-a-year Pentagon program that places them as teachers or aides in low-income districts and pays part of their salaries for

. The program matches them by their backgrounds in mathematics, science, foreign languages and organizational skills against the needs of school districts facing teacher shortages.

five years.

And, since so many retiring military personnel are black or members of other iminorities, the program also brings into

inner-city classrooms strong minority role

"It's a win-win situation," said Defense Secretary William J. Perry. "We can help provide teachers in areas where educators are in short supply, and at the same time help service members transition out of the federal work force during this difficult

period of downsizing."
The Troops to Teachers program is one of the most successful components of a broader effort by Congress and the Clinton administration to help steer nearly two million former service members - many of whom are still in their 30s or early 40s into second careers like health care and law enforcement, as well as education.

Of course, for years retiring military personnel have gone into teaching. Although there are no national data on their numbers, education researchers estimate that 4,000 to 5,000 of the 1.7 million people who have left the military since 1990 are now teaching in public schools or soon will

But the new program has attracted more than that in the 10 months since it began. About 5,100 former members of the armed forces have applied, and so far schools in 30 states have hired 164 of them. The Defense Department expects more than 1.000 to be hired annually.

The Pentagon pays retiring service personnel up to \$5,000 to defray the costs of long way from the Cold-War arenas of earning their teaching credentials. To entice schools to participate in the program. the military pays up to half of the teacher's salary for five years, or a total of \$50,000

The troops-turned-teachers must agree to teach for at least five years. Retiring civilian employees of the defense and energy departments as well as people who worked for military contractors such as General Dynamics or McDonnell Douglas are also eligible.

At Coleridge-Taylor, built in 1931 as the first school in Baltimore for black children, 548 students attend prekindergarten through fifth-year classes. About threefourths of the children come from singleparent households, the principal said.

The three-story brick building looms large in an otherwise nondescript neighborhood dominated by low-income housing projects. Visitors are buzzed in through a heavy black metal door. Inside, a different feeling pervades. The hallways are painted in pastel shades and potted plants stand sentry in the bright stairways.

In Room 316, a large, airy space that smells of chalk and Lysol, Mr. Moore presides over 19 fifth-year students, excit-

Germany and Korea, where Mr. Moore served with the army. This is the controlled chaos of 10-year-olds.

"Boys and girls, I'm ready to get started," Mr. Moore booms in a voice that sounds like it was issued with his staff sergeant's stripes. The room is quiet for a moment, then a low chattering begins. Mr. Moore circulates, helping one girl with a grammar question, fishing a new pencil from his desk for another. He pulls a little boy outside the classroom and scolds him for quarreling with other students.

"Every day I have to prove to them I really care, not just about teaching but about them," said Mr. Moore, 39, a minister's son who grew up in Beckley, West Virginia, a small coal-mining town.

I wouldn't want to go to a suburban, rich place where the kids have everything," he said. "The kids here need someone who's dedicated and will work for them.' His students, dressed in the school uniform of blue trousers and pale yellow

shirts for boys and blue skirts and yellow blouses for girls, agree.
"He's strict, but he's nice," said Teara
Battle. "He keeps us in line," adds her

classmate Kionda Early. Some teachers in the program have been preparing for their second careers since college. For others, education became a Jocelin Lee, 31, a mird-grade teachers natural extension of the training and leadership jobs they held in the military,

Ed Coet, 45, a former army counterintelligence officer, served as a liaison to Saudi military intelligence in the Gulf War. Today he teaches a class of 10 emotionally disturbed fourth-grade boys at Brookhaven Intermediate School in Killeen, Texas.

Mr. Coet, who has a third-degree black belt in tae kwon do, a Korean system of self-defense similar to karate, said he discovered his calling as a volunteer teaching martial arts to deaf, blind and emotionally disturbed children.

'My work as a teacher is every bit as challenging and important as anything I

did in the army," Mr. Coet said.
In moving from the foxhole to the classroom, many teachers acknowledge that their toughest military experiences did not prepare them for all the challenges of teaching. When a superior in the armed forces gives an order, the troops salute and obey. It's not that easy in today's public

schools, first-year teachers say. "You can't yell at them and you can't use scare tactics," said Michael Bolton, a former army lieutenant colonel who once commanded a 535-man artillery battalion and who now leads 21 kindergartners at

Jocelin Lee, 31, a : nird-grade teacher at Eastover-Central Elementary School in Fayetteville, North Carolina, said she has relied on the discipline she learned in the air force.

"You have to wear a lot of hats: be their mother, father and counselor," said Ms. Lee, who has a degree in elementary edu-

The Troops to Teachers program will be tested in the coming years, education ex-

"Are they being hired because the Pentagon is offering money or because they're the best people for the job?" said C. Emily Feistritzer, president of the National Center for Education Information, a private research organization based in Washington. "That will only be proven after the

outside money is gone."
The financial sacrifices will also dissuade some prospective educators. Virtually all troops turned teachers take a pay cut. The former members of the armed forces are learning to rely on other rewards: a thank-you note from a student or the satisfaction of winning over a child with discipline problems.

"I want to teach as long as I can make a difference," Mr. Moore said. "My job is to push them the best I can."

* POLITICAL NOTES *

House Democrats Shy From a Shake-Up

WASHINGTON - Cast into the minority for the first time in 40 years. House Democrats re-elected Richard A. Gephardt as their leader on Wednesday, brushing aside conservative pressure for a postelection shake-up. Mr. Gephardt, of Missouri, easily turned back a challenge from Charlie Rose, of North Carolina, to keep the post he

has held since 1989. The vote was 150 to 58. "Our mission is to represent workers, middle income families, the poor families of our country," Mr. Gephardt said after he was installed by secret ballot at a party caucus.

I also look forward to winning the House back in 1996." David E. Bonior of Michigan, seeking a new term for the second-ranking leadership job of whip, was challenged by a Texas conservative. Charlie Stenholm.

Californian Alleges Gross Vote Fraud

LOS ANGELES -- Three weeks after Election Day, Representative Michael Huffington says he still will not concede defeat in his bid to unseat Dianne Feinstein as senator from California because he is certain a planned door-to-door canvass of voters will uncover "overwhelming" ballot fraud. Ms. Feinstein, a mainstream Democrat, has already claimed victory in the race. State election officials have said

there is no evidence of significant voter fraud. But Mr. Huffington, a conservative Republican who spent more than \$28 million of his personal fortune on the race - a record for a congressional contest - said in a televised interview that he was positive there were significant irregular-

ities and that once he had proof he would seek a new election. He charged that much of the alleged fraud resulted when opponents of California's immigration-control proposition encouraged illegal aliens to find ways to vote. (N)T:

Prosecutor Closing In on Clinton Friend

WASHINGTON - An independent counsel, Kenneth W. Starr, has developed extensive evidence purportedly showing that former Associate Attorney General Webster L. Hubbell billed hundreds of thousands of dollars in phony expenses to his former law firm and clients, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

The prosecutor has built a case against Mr. Hubbell on the basis of statements from his former colleagues at the Rose Law Firm, credit card purchases and bills sent to clients. Sources said Mr. Starr could seek an indictment as early as next week — the first to arise from a yearlong inquiry that centers on the finances of President Bill Clinton and his wife.

Mr. Hubbell one of the Clintons' closest friends, was a senior partner at the firm, along with Hillary Rodham Clinton, before becoming the No. 3 Justice Department official. He resigned in March following allegations that he had falsified expense records and overcharged clients, including the government.

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The outgoing House speaker, Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of Washington, who was defeated in his re-election bid: "If I had one compelling concern in the time that I have been speaker, but previous to that as well it is that we not idly tamper with the Constitution of the United States." (NYT)



DOWN TO EARTH — Theresa and Sandy de Bara with their son, Matthew Dulles, born two months prematurely aboard a TWA flight Nov. 23 from New York to Florida. Matthew's middle name derives from the airport where the suffers from Alzheimer's disease, was still missing. plane made an emergency landing. He is expected to remain at a Reston, Virginia, hospital for two weeks or longer.

Away From Politics

• Jesse Anderson, a convicted wife-killer beaten in the same prison attack that killed the mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer, has died of his injuries, hospital officials said. Mr. Anderson, 37, had been in a coma on life-support systems at the University of Wisconsin Hospital since the attack.

• It will cost 32 cents to mail a letter starting in January under new rates approved by the Postal Rate Commission. The commission also approved an increase in the cost of sending a postcard, from 19 cents to 20 cents.

● A federal appeals court panel in Washington ruled that the Environmental Protection Agency went too far in requiring coal-fired electric power plants to use an expensive technical process to curb a key source of acid rain, nitrogen oxide. Proponents of the limits say the decision could allow utilities to seek more exemptions on emission controls.

● The rap artist and actor Tupac Shakur, 23, was in guarded condition with five gunshot wounds from a robbery outside a recording studio near Times Square in New York

 A federal judge set a March 16 trial date for Francisco Martin Duran, 26, who sprayed the White House with rifle fire Oct. 29, after Mr. Duran's defense attorney told the court that she would need several more weeks to consider a possible insanity defense.

• Cellular telephone fraud in New York has become so rampant that a cellular service in Washington, Cellular One, will temporarily block its customers from using their wireless phones when they travel in New York.

 After vigorous lobbying by the tobacco industry and local restaurants, New York City Council leaders offered a revised anti-smoking bill that would losen some proposed restrictions. on smoking in restauran's and offices. But it would ban smoking in virtually all public places. • A 77-year-old woman has been found in a remote part of

northern Arizona after her van ran out of gas more than two weeks ago and her husband left to find fuel. Annabelle Goodwin survived with three blankets, a package of ham, bologna and a loaf of bread. Her husband, Vinson Goodwin,

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Casting About for New Course, Clinton Gets Conflicting Advice

By Ann Devroy

WASHINGTON — In sessions described by one aide as "sometimes cathartic, sometimes instructive," President Bill Clinton met privately this week with Democratic governors and two dozen defeated or retiring Democratic House members as he continues to sort out his future direction and that of his party.

Aides said Mr. Clinton was considering a staff proposal that he give a major address or set of speeches in December to broadly lay out his agenda in the aftermath of the Democratic loss of Congress and party defeats across the country. The White House fears that Republicans will Democrats, Mr. Brooks said, "let Rush Limhave the center stage the next two months, with Mr. Clinton politically marginalized and on the defensive if he waits until the traditional State of the Union address, normally at the end of January, to outline his direction.

But even White House officials, watching Re- the consensus was that the president should limit Panetta, for what some thought would be a pep publicans celebrate their return to power in Congress, said there was little settled about Mr. Clinton's course and suggested he was receiving a welter of sometimes conflicting, sometimes

bitter advice. "We cannot allow the knee-jerks who don't know anything about it to just denigrate Congress and the president and the administration," Representative Jack Brooks, a defeated Democrat from Texas, said Tuesday as he emerged from a session with Mr. Clinton. Mr. Brooks said

baugh and talk-show radio pundits just outma-

Mr. Clinton got a different earful when he had a group of Democratic governors to the White House for dinner on Monday. One attendee said

his agenda and make it more centrist, a common theme these days.

A senior administration official said many of those who spoke with Mr. Clinton over a two day period — one group Monday night and two on Tuesday — offered broader discussions on why they had lost and what the party's recovery should entail.

Mr. Clinton, the aide said, "is just beginning to synthesize what happened" and needs some time to do some thinking, to run it through his brain," despite clamoring by staff, party officials here and around the country and Democrats throughout the administration for pronouncements on White House intentions.

One sign of that anxiety occurred at the White House on Tuesday, when chiefs of staff from various federal agencies and departments met with Harold Ickes, the deputy chief of staff, and then with the White House chief of staff, Leon E. decision.

talk and marching orders.

"It was a big disappointment," said an official. Mr. Ickes, the official said, told the group that the White House did not know what to do in the aftermath of the defeat and that he had no advice or directions for them. The official said Mr. Panetta was only margin-

ally better, though he left some participants even more anxious about whether the White House knew "what went on out there last month. Another person described the session as "weird." A White House official said the meeting with

the senior officials was meant as a listening session to hear what others in the government thought ought to be done. The White House press secretary, Dee Dee

Myers, said Mr. Clinton was considering a December address to the nation but had made no

NBC: Network Wants to Pull the Plug on Murdoch's Fox Television Concern

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mission had the right to allow a foreign investor to own stations as long as it was in the public interest to do so.

"NBC's activities," Mr. Padden said, "are a blatant attempt to misuse administrative proceedings and thwart marketplace competition." In September, NBC asked

the commission to keep Fox from gaining control of a station in Wisconsin; last week it filed more petitions seeking to deny licenses for stations that Fox planned to buy in Philadelphia and Boston.

In recent years, numerous

U.S. companies have been taken over by foreign interests. But broadcasting has always been different. In that industry, the federal government grants free licenses to entities that, in return, pledge to serve the public interest. It does so because the number of radio and broadcast

television frequencies is limited.

The question of Fox's ownership is already before the Federal Communications Commission as a result of a complaint cause NBC, with the resources filed earlier this year by the NAACP. Seeking to head off similar challenges, Fox asked Fox far more aggressively than the commission to formally review the question of its owner-

ship. The commission has said People, a civil rights organizasince May that a ruling was im-

It had been expected in the industry that Fox would prevail, mainly because the agency seemed so unlikely to punish Fox after Fox did so successfully what the commission hoped it would do: foster competition with a fourth network.

The new petition greatly raises the stakes, however, beof its parent General Electric Co., can pursue the case against the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

tion that is short of resources. The NAACP action is based on its assertion that foreign ownership of television stations denies opportunities to American minorities.

Richard Cotton, the senior vice president and general counsel for NBC, invoked the Wisconsin case.

possibility of litigation" in federal court if the commission ruled against it in the earlier Wednesday's petition, Mr. Cotton said, represented NBC's

effort to "draw a line in the

sand on the issue of the FCC's

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special treatment of Fox.'

tives approved the pact with a convincing majority that Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen called a "great bipartisan

"This is it — the end of the road," Mr. Bentsen said Wednesday. "Tomorrow, the Senate will take the most important trade vote in this country in 60 years." As extra insurance, Mr. Clin-

ton scheduled a breakfast meeting with a group of 20 senators, many in the undecided ranks, on Thursday morning at the White House.

GATT: Outlook for Trade Bill in Senate Gets a Boost From House Passage

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lican floor manager for GATT supporters, said he believed 65 senators would vote for the budget waiver when it comes up Thursday. Bob Dole of Kansas, the Senate Republican leader. said he felt "confident we have the votes."

Continuing the first lameduck session of Congress in 12 American consumers by lower-

Senator Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon, the Repubjority leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, opened a scheduled 20 hours of debate Wednesday.

"This historic agreement is essential to our economic funew opportunities for Ameri- measure, 288 to 146. can businesses and farmers to compete and sell more in for- Democrats and 121 Republieign markets. It will benefit cans.

chase price of consumer goods.'

The House concluded four hours of sometimes impassioned, sometimes perfunctory ture," he said. "It will create debate Tuesday by ratifying the Favoring the accord were 167

(AP, Reuters)

Commuter Pilots Balk Over O'Hare Weather

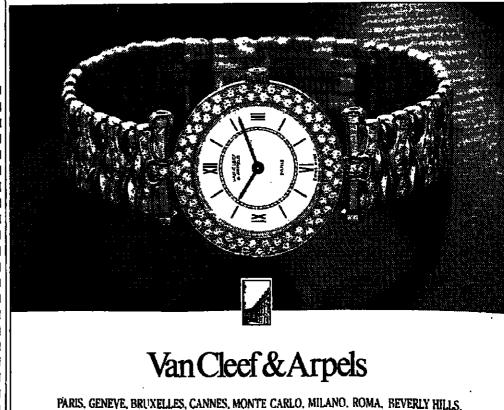
The Associated Press CHICAGO - About a dozen pilots for the commuter airline American Eagle have refused to fly in cold, rainy weather, believing planes like one that crashed in Indiana last month are unsafe in those conditions, a Chicago newspaper

reported Wednesday. Sixteen American Eagle flights were canceled Sunday at O'Hare Airport. The airline said management had made the decision after 8 to 10 pilots raised questions about the weather. The pilots who refused to take off all were scheduled to fly ATR-72 turboprops, the same type of plane that crashed Oct. 31 in Indiana, killing all 68 people aboard, the Chicago Tribune reported.

The plane had been flying on autopilot in a holding pattern during a rainstorm in freezing temperatures. The cause of the crash has not been determined.

The paper said that in two or three other recent cases where pilots complained, the company deemed the weather accept-

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Kohl and Mitterrand Avoid Bosnia Quarrel

By Rick Atkinson Vashington Post Service

BERLIN - Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President François Mitterrand, meeting in Bonn for their final bilateral talks before Mr. Mitterrand leaves office in the spring, sidestepped their disagreement over Bosnia on Wednesday and instead called for renewed diplomatic efforts to end the carnage there.

Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union passed a resolution Monday endorsing the view that a United Nations arms embargo might have to be lifted if Bosnia's Muslimled government is to resist further Serbian

Mr. Kohl himself voted for the resolution, and his most trusted lieutenant, Wolfgang Schäuble, has argued forcefully

in recent days for arming the Muslims.
French officials have privately expressed alarm at this development, which parallels a move in the U.S. Congress to lift the embargo. Bonn. like Washington, has no troops in Bosnia; the French, by contrast, have several thousand peacekeepers on the ground and fear that their safety will be jeopardized if the West openly swings against the Bosnian Serbs.

Mr. Kohl recently condemned as a "disgrace" the West's inability to preserve the sanctity of the Bihac "safe area." But with the United States retailoring its Bosnian policy to forswear military pressure in favor of political concessions to Serbia, the Germans now appear eager to avoid any rupture with France or further fray NA-

The German foreign minister, Klaus

Kinkel, sought this week to reassure Bonn's European allies, while Mr. Kohl took pains Wednesday to praise France's

peacekeeping efforts.
"The terrible sufferings," Mr. Kohl added, "are a commission to us to do everything to end this conflict."

Mr. Mitterrand added: "A solution to the conflict can only be found with politi-cal negotiation. All Europe can do is to bring the opponents around the negotiating table."

Noting that Germany has declined to send troops with the UN mission in Yugoslavia because of concern that the memory German military atrocities during World War II would be provocative, Mr. Kohl said, "We should hold ourselves back from comment because we don't have our soldiers there.'

In U.K., Dole Adds To Alliance Tension

By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON - Suddenly thrust into the limelight as a vigorous critic of European policy on the war in Bosnia, Senator Bob Dole met Wednesday with Prime Minister John Major and other top British officials and promptly laid down a message they did not want to

The Kansas Republican called once again for powerful air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs and a lifting of the arms embargo for the besieged, largely Muslim government forces. Both are stands directly contrary to British thinking and, so far, United Nations policy.

Mr. Dole's two-day trip to Europe has made considerable waves. He has been hard put to insist, when it comes to the Atlantic alliance, that he wants to rock the boat, not sink it.

The visit comes against a background of growing disar-ray in NATO, confusing shifts in U.S. policy and a resounding sense of crisis brought by the Serbian attack upon the UNdeclared "safe haven" of Bihac.

There is also Mr. Dole's new status as Senate majority leader-to-be, which has transformed him in many Europeans' minds into one of the two most power-

ful players in Washington. cameramen staking out No. 10

views on a tougher line against the Serbs and then summed it

up with a phrase — "strike and lift" — they scribbled furiously. Meanwhile, the divisions be-tween the United States and Europe over what to do after nearly three years of unremitting conflict in Bosnia contin-ued to widen and the international failure continued to tear at the alliance.

NATO foreign ministers are preparing for a Friday meeting in Brussels to chart the future course of the alliance, and Bosnia will cast a long shadow. With Paris and Bonn now clearly aligned with London against the full application of NATO power, Washington is unlikely to extract much more from its allies than a pledge to keep pressuring the Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace plan they rejected this summer.

Mr. Dole has been assailed in Britain lately for both his views and the vigor with which he expresses them. But he insisted Wednesday that he had the good of the alliance at heart. "I am not here to create any problems for the prime minister or the British government or the British troops on the ground in Bosnia," he said.

The American got a powerful boost Wednesday from former Prime Minister Margaret His standing could be read in Thatcher. Both before and after the battery of reporters and her own meeting with him, she issued statements demanding Downing Street for his 55-min-tough action against the Serbs. ute session with Mr. Major. Af- whom she accused of virtually terward, when he spelled out his committing genocide.



Mr. Dole with Lady Thatcher on Wednesday in London.

Shiite Sect's Leader, Ayatollah Araki, Dies in Iran

NICOSIA — Grand Ayatol- tored in Cyprus. lah Mohammed Ali Araki, supreme leader of the world's 100 sued a statement expressing its supreme leaders of the sect. million Shiite Muslims, died sadness at Ayatollah Araki's His exact age was not known. ed. He was at least 100.

for more than three weeks in the ing. intensive care unit of a hospital in Tehran, according to the ranated the supreme leader of learning, for most of his life.

Ayatollah Araki had lingered also called for a week of mourn-

dio report, which was moni- Shiite Muslims around the Shiites, who make up about world last year after the death 10 percent of the world's 1 bil-The Iranian government is- in quick succession of two other

Tuesday, Iranian radio report- demise and announced a na- since precise records of births tional holiday Wednesday. It and deaths did not exist in Iran until later this century. He had lived and taught in the Iranian

lion Muslims, are the predominant sect in Iran.

As spiritual leader of the world's Shiites, Ayatollah Araki was regarded as the supreme spiritual force.

In theory, he had the last word on all matters pertaining to the sect.

Aid Donors Grant Arafat \$125 Million

By William Drozdiak

Washington Post Service
BRUSSELS — The United States, Russia and the European Union promised Wednesday to accelerate the flow of aid to the occupied territories in response to complaints from frustrated Palestinians who say that peace with Israel has yielded no tangible rewards.

to spend \$125 million by the end of March to fill the budget deficit of the Palestinian Authority, which has ass-sumed administration of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho in the wake of the historic peace agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. The donors also vowed to

disburse \$23 million immedi-

The donor nations agreed ately to create thousands of

Islamic Militant Murders

Woman Soldier in Israel

connection with the Oct. 19 bus bombing in Tel Aviv.

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AFULA, Israel - An Islamic militant killed a 19-year-old

new jobs for young people in Gaza, the world's most crowded enclave, where unemployment is now estimated by the United Nations at between 50 percent and 60 percent.

"There was a feeling that unless we provided economic dividends for peace, the situation would become more serious," said Nabil Shaath, the Palestinian Authority's minister for internal cooperation. Stability has two legs, one economic and one political."

The two-day meeting here opened with a joint appeal by the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel on the urgent need to pump funds into the occupied territories to help defuse a growing threat from Islamic militants.

Israeli woman soldier on Wednesday by striking her in the forehead with an ax, officials said. Mr. Arafat declared that The attack in this northern town took place as Israeli the international community security forces continued a manhunt in the West Bank for must live up to moral and po-Hamas guerrillas. Forty suspects were arrested Tuesday in litical obligations by meeting its financial commitments to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that peace efforts with the Palestinian people. Mr. Peres, who conceived the conthe Palestinians would go on despite a surge of guerrilla attacks. He said the killer of the soldier belonged to Hamas. ference, said the dangers of The suspect, who was captured, had been detained several terrorism and extremism were times, Mr. Rabin said. Israel will investigate how he reached becoming so alarming that the Afula from the West Bank without permits. (AP, Reuters)

situation must be brought to

the world's attention. "Arafat is not the enemy. He is facing terrible problems. including poverty, bitterness and a dense population," Mr. Peres said in an interview with a Catholic television station.

Donors promised to invest more than \$2 billion over five years after the Israeli-PLO reconciliation was sealed in September 1993. But World Bank officials said as little as \$200 million of the \$700 million pledged for this year would reach the territories because of snags in the peace process and fears among some donor countries that the aid funds could be squandered.

The 12-nation European Union, which has vowed to deliver \$48 million to help cover the budget deficit within the next four months, urged Israel to make better efforts at belping the Palestinians by transferring all tax revenues that belong to the Palestinian Authority and opening the borders, which Israel has closed in response to terrorist

SHIP: Fire on Cruise Proves One Calamity Too Many for the Achille Lauro

terrorists in 1985, when Leon Klinghoffer, a 69-year-old Jewish hostage from New York, was pushed overboard in a wheelchair to his death.

More recently, the vessel stirred debate in June when Italy's neofascist National Alliance chartered it for a fundraising cruise in the Mediterranean and, in response to adverse criticism. dropped a wreath into the sea in memory of Mr. Klinghoffer.

But for many Italians, the vessel was "The Big Blue Liner," named for the color of its hull, that plied the oceans from North America to Australia

of calamities that made it seem ill-starred. The fire Wednesday was not even the first for the Achille Lauro, In 1981 a blaze crupted aboard the vessel in the Canary Islands, and two pas-sengers drowned when they jumped overboard.

As on the Titanic, some of the passengers were wearing ball gowns and tuxedoes when the alarm was raised Wednesday, said Tony Webb, a British businessmen who had been aboard the stricken vessel and who told his story by radio-phone to the Evening Standard

newspaper in London.

"We were alerted at 1:30

A.M.," he said, "when we heard the engines suddenly shut off. fires, the passengers took to the and once went round the world in 80 days, despite a chronicle event, and the captain came on ed up on the Hawaiian King.

and said we all had to go up on deck because there was a fire."

According to the Italian Coast Guard, though, it was only at 5:54 A.M. Italian time that the SOS signal was sent out and 9:20 A.M. that the first of the rescue vessels, the Panamanian-registered tanker Hawaiian King, reached the Achille Lauro.

"A lot of the crew were in the engine room trying to put out the fire," Mr. Webb said. Then, at about 8 A.M. the captain said the fire was too strong and we would have to abandon

although other ships steamed to the rescue - the Liberian bulk carrier Bardu and the Bahamasflagged Leira.

Tha 572 passengers, according to the owners, were 214 South Africans, 150 Germans, 92 Britons, 90 Dutchmen. 12 Italians, 8 Swiss, 2 Israelis, 2 Frenchmen and 2 Belgians. The two dead, the owners said, were a 68-year-old German, Gerhard Szimke, who died of a heart attack, and a Briton, who was not immediately identified.

As tradition insists, Mr. Webb said, the children went first into the lifeboats that took them to safety as crew members fought the blaze, whose cause has not been made known.

TRIBES: Tourists Are an Exotic Attraction at Ancient Camel Fair in India pushing a herd of 200 of the knobby-kneed es and camp sites as far as the eye could

Continued from Page 1 will return to the desert on a more comfortable perch, Mr. Bernicat plans to use his as

a rack for house plants. German tourists gasped in horror as a camel doctor. Kailash Narayasoni, jabbed a row of metal rings through the upper lip of a slobbering camel, a centuries-old technique to help drivers control recalcitrant

Asked if the influx of foreigners was good or bad, a camel trader quickly said. Good." When asked why, he replied, "We like to look at them.'

colorful, yet conservative, societies of the Indian subcontinent, the foreign tourists next growing season, Mr. Mathur said. are merely a sideshow to their most important commercial and social event of the

Suraj Jain, like his father and grandfather before him, came to the fair primarily the city of Udaipur in southern Rajasthan, ered with camels, camel carts, cattle, hors-

creatures. Most of the buyers were farmers or villagers who will use the camels to pull carts, still the preferred mode of commercial transport in outlying desert regions.

This year's going rates ranged from \$16 for an unbroken baby camel to more than \$1,000 for a well-trained, cart-pulling mature adult. In all, more than 17,000 camels and 23,000 cattle and horses changed hands during the six-day market, according to the fair director, K. S. Mathur. And this was a slow year. Because the monsoon ke to look at them."

But for the Rajasthanis, one of the most year, fewer farmers needed to sell their carnels for extra cash to survive until the

> The number of foreign tourists was down as well, to about 3,200, as a result of the plague scare that swept India in late September, according to tourism officials.

Even so, the sand dunes on the outskirts to sell camels. He traveled eight days from of the lakeside city of Pushkar were cov-

geometrical designs and festooning their long necks with colorful collars and neck-

odor of sweaty blankets.

The camels appeared to have mixed emotions about the entire event. Babies cried plaintively as their mothers were led away by new owners, buck-toothed adults snapped at would-be buyers peering into their mouths, and those waiting to be sold belched malodorously and moaned as they chewed their cud.

see, a vast panorama of another era. Wom-

en clad in brilliant saris of red, blue and

orange carried massive heaps of fodder on

their heads to feed the camels, while make

wearing equally bright-colored turbans clustered around camp fires, slurping tea

and debating camel prices. The air recked

of burning camel dung and the pungent

their beasts, combing their humps, clipping the hair on their sides into intricate

Camel owners primped and pampered

TURKEY: Bleak and Crowded Cities Become a Power Base for Militant Islamic Movement

columnist for the pro-Islamic Istanbul newspaper Zaman. Only a few years ago, no one would have dared proclaim such heresy.

"Before, people were afraid to say they were against Kemalism," said Ahmet Taner Kislali, a leftist writer and political scientist. "Now the fear has gone."

Turkey is a member of NATO and is seeking a closer relationship with the European Union. But European diplomats acknowledge privately that Muslim Turkey is never likely to be fully accepted into the European Union, and the resultant sense Western rejection among the Turks could further strengthen the Islamic reviv-

The turmoil is budding in a land of 60 million people that straddles Europe and Asia, and borders the former Soviet Union and its satellites, the volatile Balkans and the equally unpredictable Middle East. But on the unpaved roads on the Asian flank of Istanbul's increasing sprawl

across the Bosporus, geopolitics means less than the price of bread. When Mr. Cosan arrived here, he said. he was broke. Relatives had come up with money for the \$60-a-month rent for the two-room apartment his family now shares with relatives - 13 people in all. Four women from the two families found work

as seamstresses in Turkey's expanding textile industry, albeit at salaries of about \$30 a month. "I looked for work in construction and

His experience shows the underside of many Turks' dreams of riches in the city. Since the 1950s, Istanbul's population has doubled every 15 years, swollen by migrants abandoning the provinces.

Of the 10 million people who live in Istanbul today, two-thirds are from eastern Anatolia and the Black Sea coast, said Bozkurt Guvenc, a sociologist at Hacetepe University in Ankara. From here, on the Asian side of the

struction and apartment houses looking out onto bleak hills. Even now, about 1,000 people like Mr. Cosan arrive in Istanbul every day. The new Welfare Party mayor of the city, Tayyip Erdogan, has mused out loud about requiring entry visas for new resi-

Bosporus, the Istanbul of tourist brochures

is invisible, replaced by a sprawl of con-

An economic slowdown in Turkey this year has wiped out at least 600,000 jobs. According to government figures, 13 percent of the urban work force is unem-

ploved The shift to the cities has created a far broader change in demography. When the modern Turkish republic was founded in 1923, only 15 percent of its 13 million people lived in cities. Now, two-thirds of its 60 million people are urban. The capital, Ankara, has grown from 2.5 million to

million since 1980. Yahya Karakaya, the Welfare Party

as a waiter," he said, "I found nothing mayor of Sultanbeyli, a suburb 30 kilome-Right now, we are living on soup and tea." mayor of Sultanbeyli, a suburb 30 kilome-ters (18 miles) east of Istanbul, is himself an immigrant from the east.

> "We build roads," he said, when asked what his party had to offer. "We sell bread from municipal bakeries for half the nor-mal price. The meat in our butcheries is half-price, too. We have male and female doctors and the treatment is free. We talk to people to find out what their problems

> Sultanbeyli is known as a particular stronghold of the Welfare Party, called the Refah Partesi in Turkish, but its politics are familiar in many of the rambling settlements of the eastern shore of the Bosporus, where the mosques fill to overflowing at Friday noon prayers and, increasingly, women wear head coverings.

People like Mr. Cosan, from the Alawite sect that orthodox Muslims regard as heretical, find themselves torn between the Welfare Party's offers of support and the Kurdish nationalism that nurtured them back home.

"Refah is the new challenge because the system has collapsed and people say, "We've tried all the others, let's try Refah." said Velì Haydar Gulec, a Kurdish political leader in the Umraniye district who opposes the Islamic movement. "People support Refah because the country is in such dire straits that there is no alterna-

The party has money, too. While its adversaries accuse it of being financed by Saudi Arabia and other Islamic states. many believe the biggest source of its

wealth lies among the 2 million Turks working in Germany and elsewhere in Western Europe who have proved generous donors.

In municipal voting last March, the Welfare Party emerged nationally as the third largest in the country, with 19 percent of the vote, more than twice its share in local elections in 1989. Prime Minister Ciller's right-of-center True Path Party got 22 percent and the conservative Motheriand Party 21 percent.

Because of splits on the secular right, the Welfare Party's 26 percent of the Istanbul vote gave it the mayoralty, enabling it to seize ground once held by leftists who made the same pledges of social justice.

"We promise people a clean society, a clean government, an honest system," Mr. Karakaya said.

Some Westerners say the success of the Welfare Party was in part a reaction by newly urbanized Turks to what they found in cities, where privately owned television stations have brought soft-core pornography to their living rooms, and the gap between rich and poor has widened.

A strong selling point for the Welfare Party — at least among many parents — has been its readiness to provide dormitories for women who as students are coming to the big cities for the first time. In return for political support, the party promises cheap housing and protection. The party's appeal to religious values, however, is largely implicit.

Mr. Kislali, the political scientist, said

that the sharpened sense of an Islamic identity was a result of events outside Turkey. Many people, he said, "were not hap-py with things like the Western attitude to Bosnia," where Turks see Muslims threatened by those of other faiths.

With his enforced separation of religion and state. Ataturk laid the foundations of a secularism that has been increasingly depicted as anti-religious. Long after his death, some of his edicts were reversed as governments sought to capture what was perceived as an Islamic vote.

Arabic calls to prayer were re-instituted in the 1950s. Religious schools were reintroduced. By the early 1980s, the generals who ran Turkey for two years after taking power in a coup had come to see Islam as a potential counterweight to what was seen as a Communist threat during the Cold

Throughout the 1980s, the government sought to appease Islamic sentiment within its own ranks by financing new mosques and Islamic education. Turkey now boasts some 400 Islamic schools that turn out many Welfare Party supporters.

The Welfare Party's leader, Necemettin Erbakan, a political veteran who served in coalition governments in the late 1970s, has expressed anti-Zionist and anti-West-

The party's supporters, though, shy from formal espousal of an Islamic state. "I believe the laws of God should not be challenged," said Ankara's mayor, Melich Gokcek. "And we want to implant everything we believe is right. But we would never impose anything.

The Welfare Party controls 38 of the 450 seats in Parliament, but that does not reflect its growing power at the local level. But does the party's rise mean Turkey is on the way to a Islamic state? Many secular Turks, evidently, think the time has

come to say "no." The Islam of Erbakan is not the Islam of Algeria or Iran because we have a culture built on many different things and a lot of cultural differences with Iran and the Arabs," said Mr. Kislali. "But there is a counter-reaction by the supporters of Kemalism, a revival.

Turkish courts have threatened action against the Istanbul mayor for failing to acknowledge Ataturk's memory at his council sessions and against Islamists in general after reports that women wearing estern dress were forced off buses.

Proposals for a new mosque in Istanbul's central Taksim Square have produced an uproar from such prominent secularists as the artist Bedri Baykam. "The Welfare Party's so-called modera-

tion, like building a mosque, is just a mask hiding their true plan to turn Turkey into an Islamic state when they gain more pow-And when the mayor of Istanbul banned alcoholic drinks at a municipal art exhibit

the other day, he drew a tart response from a columnist in Hurriyet newspaper complaining about his "primitive obsessions."
But that does not stop some in Istanbul from sensing that the new self-confidence among Islamists and the strong showing of

the Welfare Party at the polls presage some kind of change. "There's a social pressure," said Mehmet Akifkaya, 32, a cab driver in Sultanbeyli. "Everyone around you is from the Welfare Party. And they expect you to think the way they do."

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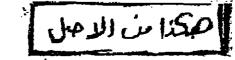
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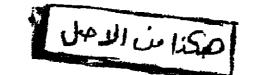


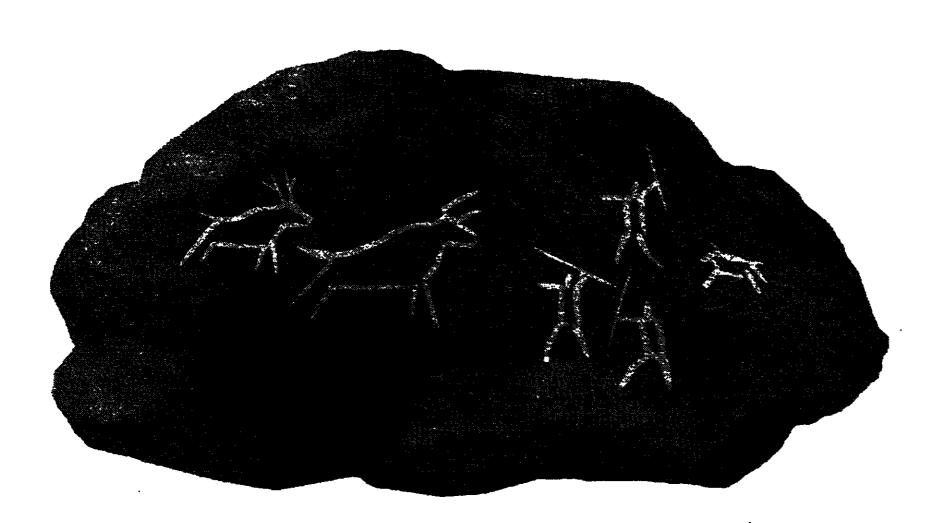
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No Rush to Expand NATO

During the Cold War there was no disagreement between America and its allies over NATO's purpose: it was Europe's shield against a common enemy. The Serbs' war on Bosnia has exposed deep divisions among the Western powers over NATO's role and the question of European security.

Some U.S. policymakers believe that the way to revive NATO is to enlarge it by offering membership and the military guarantees that membership confers to a few countries in Eastern Europe. Their rallying cry is "Expand or die." That is a questionable idea. If Washington continues to move in this direction, it is sure to generate more trans-Atlantic divisiveness. It will burden NATO's existing members with risky new obligations.

Moreover, inviting Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to join will affront those who are likely to be left out, like Ukraine and the Baltic republics. Worse yet, expansion could strengthen Russian nationalists opposed to Boris Yeltsin and his Westernoriented reformers. The net result is that a larger NATO could diminish rather

than strengthen European security.

The scheduled public unveiling of an American proposal to expand NATO was delayed on Tuesday by internal disarray over the Bosnian crisis. But if it goes forward in its present form, and is not derailed, the proposal will leave some tough questions unanswered.

Will the United States extend its nuclear umbrella to Eastern Europe? Will allied troops be based farther east? How will Soviet-trained East European officers be integrated into the NATO military command? Above all, how can Russia be included — or be reconciled to being excluded?

That last question is certain to prove troubling to a shaky German governing

coalition. Some Germans want to expand Germany's influence in the East; others do not want to set off renewed rivalry with Russia. Moreover, giving a preeminent security role to an American-led NATO is certain to arouse resistance from France and others that would like to strengthen intra-European

security arrangements. The U.S. proposal does not identify who the new members will be. Nor does it set a timetable for admission. The actual mechanics of enlargement will be

left to a special NATO study. But the biggest question of all is this: Why rush to decide now about bringing Eastern Europe into NATO?

The region faces no imminent threat of attack. If, despite Western efforts, gressive nationalists do seize power in Russia, it will be years before they can raise an army capable of destabilizing Ukraine and threatening Poland. That is time enough to bring Eastern Europe into the alliance.

A rancorous debate about expansion is likely to distract NATO members from confronting the main causes of Eastern Europe's insecurity - the political, economic and ethnic tensions arising from the end of the Cold War. As a purely military alliance, NATO is ill equipped to ease those tensions before

they explode as they did in Bosnia.

Rejiggering NATO is not necessarily the right answer to these more complex problems. As presently conformed, the alliance still provides a useful venue for coordinating U.S. and West European military strategy and an insurance policy against the revival of aggressive Rus-Why expand it to the breaking point? It would be far better for President Bill Clinton to join his European counterparts in seeking more creative solutions for Europe's problems.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Window Dressing for a Collection of Western Failures Serbian forces have been hitting even the

C AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — At the end of the "never again" century. the world is allowing genocide to succeed

As the Bosnian town — and United Nations "safe zone" - of Bihac crumbles under a Serbian onslaught, those in Europe and America who look for excuses to do nothing repeat their dreary litany that nothing can be done.

But they overlook some inconvenient facts. In particular, Bosnia-Herzegovina was not simply a "Muslim cause" but the country recognized two and a half years ago by the United Nations, the European Union and the United States - and then stripped by them not just of protection but of the right to protect itself.

These apologists tell us that Muslims brought on their own troubles last month by staging an offensive and provoking a Serbian counteroffensive.

What they don't tell us is that Bibac has been under siege for more than two years — not even receiving any food since May — and that the Bosnian army's offensive was a desperate attempt to break the siege.

Secretary of Defense William Perry asserts that protecting Bosnia would take "hundreds of thousands of our ground forces," and the Clinton adminBy Kemal Kurspahic

istration says it "can't enter the war on one side against the other."

But the Bosnians never asked for anyone's ground troops, just for the ability to defend themselves. And by keeping Bosnia's hands tied in the face of brutal military force, the whole world in effect entered the war on the side of the Serbs.

What President Bill Clinton's damagecontrol team is trying to sell to the public as "working with our allies" is nothing more than acquiescence in the European strategy of standing by while Bosnia is forced to capitulate.

All the well-intended resolutions and initiatives in the name of "unity of the alliance and the contact group" — which includes Russia, the Serbs' main ally turn out to be window dressing for a collection of failures.

The list of these failures is long. First, safe zones were invented not by Bosnians but by the international community, and we can see how safe they are. Bihac, Sarajevo and Tuzla are under constant attack, and Gorazde, Zepa and Srebrenica are nothing more than Muslim ghettos at the mercy of Serbian forces that regularly prevent even hu-

manitarian assistance from reaching them. When the UN commander in Bosnia. Lieutenant General Michael Rose of Britain, reportedly prevents NATO air strikes by instructing his spotters not to lead aircraft to their targets; when Yasushi Akashi, the top United Nations official in the Balkans, meets with President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia to announce "peace initiatives" that don't exist -- then

we see how safe the UN safe zones are. Second, President Clinton's plan to lift the arms embargo on the Bosnian army and use air strikes, announced in May 1993, was blocked by the Europeans. Since then, the administration has given in to their arguments that such a move would endanger their troops on the ground, imperil the peace process and

escalate the fighting.

It is highly cynical to tell Bosnians that they cannot be protected because it would endanger those who came to protect them - and failed. It is past time to worry about the peace process, which is dead. And it is perverse to fear an escalation of warfare. If the victims of genocide have a chance to defend themselves, is that escalation?

Third, the "exclusion zone" for heavy artillery around Sarajevo has become such a mockery that in recent weeks U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo's Holiday Inn. Fourth, what was advertised in July as the contact group's last, take-it-or-leaveit proposal for Bosnia was reluctantly accepted by the Bosnian government and arrogantly refused by the Bosnian Serbs. Instead of punishing those who refused to cooperate, the contact group has ap-

parently decided to reward them with

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more than was originally proposed. Is this the end of the war, as suggested by those who want to do nothing and speed a final solution for Bosnia? It don't think so. Bosnians don't take that colonial British and French comfort in proclaiming their country a Serbian colony. They don't have any place to go now that Serbian hordes have burned their homes and villages.

And they will fight even if the last amateurs in the Bosnian government still believe that surrendering will get them anything for cooperating with the inter-national community that has abandoned them so miserably.

The writer, a Nieman fellow at Harvard, was editor-in-chief of the Bosnian daily Oslobodenje during the first two years of the siege of Sarajevo. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

In Sum, Powerful Democracies Looked Evil in the Eye and Blinked

WASHINGTON — The of Serbia's almost completed conquest of Bosnia are complex, but the central moral reality of this conflict is blindingly clear. In Bosnia, the powerful democracies

looked evil in the eye and blinked. Much of the rhetoric of recent days is intended to obscure that fact. But do honor to the dying and defeated Bosnians who fought for no more than a country of their own. Remember Bosnia as a bipartisan, multinational failure of epic proportions. The Bosnian victims of this tragedy deserve at least that place in history.

of Europe and North America

This is not the moment for the politicians of Europe and America to whine over who is at fault and to jockey for the moral upper hand. The fault is in us all, if more in some than in others. As "the international community," we de-cided that turning back the Serbs was not worth risking a large number of American, French, Bangladeshi and other lives.

That decision was made in the light of hard military realities that By Jim Hoagland That is not a "success" to be proud of, or even to own up to. I doubt that the West Europeans

no one should ignore. The Serbs of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia. feeding on empty threats from NATO and the United Nations. grew into tough and resourceful battlefield killers. They verge on metastasizing into a Greater Ser-bia, with United States and European acquiescence, after Bihac.

Perhaps those who argue that the Bosnia conflict is a local evil - only a nasty little "civil war" fought by brutes with long histories of mutual hatred - will be proved right. Economic sanctions and 30 months of war have probably drained the Greater Serbs of the wherewithal to dominate the Balkans in an aggressive manner.

In that sense, the French and British effort to use their peacekeeping presence to slow and shape (but not directly oppose) a Serbian victory could be described as a "success" -- particularly if the major powers continue to avoid seeking national advantage in this conflict that would upset the balance of power in European security.

see the future role of their united

country in the middle of an un-

easy continent. NATO, binding

them to America, is the great sta-

bilizer on which they rely. They

do not, at this stage, have here-

monic ambitions. If they come to

feel cut adrift, surrounded by in-

Even the French, long eager to reduce U.S. influence in NATO.

consider it essential and the irre-

placeable reserve arsenal for a

European defense force. The idea

that without NATO the Western

European Union, which is slated

to be the military arm of the Eu-

ropean Union, would flourish

and fill the gap is illusory. It will

stick on the same kinds of reef menacing NATO now, without

the habits and infrastructure that

provide the alliance's coherence.

and Cooperation in Europe -

which is continent-wide, plus the

United States and Canada - is

too loose and cumbersome to

meet concrete challenge. There

really isn't an available substi-

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secure countries, they might.

good deed goes unpunished.

of them long ago accepted the concept of a Greater Serbia. Euonly acceptable targets. Binding NATO and the United ropeans are accustomed to acting whereas Americans instinctively

of its presence. Americans should not overestimate European duplicity in the Bosnian conflict, however. Britain and France stumbled into Bosnia without any grand designs and have improvised with events. The sharp criticism they are now receiving from American politicians and officials, not to mention their combat losses in Bosnia, offers new evidence that no

will ever publicly admit that most

to mitigate evil in their midst.

want to stamp it out - or get out

Instead of the corresive shouting match across the Atlantic. NATO's members need to take a clear-eyed, hard look at the lessons of Bosnia. The conflict has shown that NATO is not and

should not pretend to be a peace-

keeping organization. Nor is the United Nations a war-fighting organization. In Bosnia, the United Nations authorized only no-fault victimless war. Empty tanks and easily repaired airfields were the

Nations in a Bosnia command was a deliberate act by the Europeans, understood and condoned by the Clinton administration, to guarantee that there would be no significant Western military involvement in the war. It was a slow-motion death warrant for the Bosnians, signed by countries that were not prepared to fight the Serbs. Thus, nothing has been said of importance about NA-TO's war capabilities.

But the moral pettifogging that has enveloped Western leadership can undermine NATO if it continues. On Bosnia, there is so little moral high ground on which to stand that Western leaders jostle each other in the competition to seize it. Suspicion and mistrust that will crack alliance cohesion take root in the atmosphere of blame and self-justification.

The truth is that George Bush, Bill Clinton, Bob Dole, John Major, François Mitterrand, Helmut Kohl and the rest did not find the evil of a Serbian war of aggression against Bosnia sufficient to justify spending their national treasure to oppose it with significant force. To pretend otherwise, by blaming the arms embargo, allies or the stars, puts NATO on a false and un-

the truth. To call the Bosnian conflict "a civil war" suggests that Croatia, Slovenia and Macedonia are also ex-Yugoslav breaksway states that can be invaded with

The Clinton White House, apparently seeking to underline the intractability and dangers of the war it chose not to enter, has taken to calling the Serbian attack on Bosnia "a civil war." This is an insult to the Bosnian soldiers and civilians who have died or suffered for their own country. Bosnia's cause of death should at least be clearly stated by those who could not prevent it.

New Leader in Mexico

Mexico is going through a political revolution led from the top. Both the present president and his successor, who is to take office this Thursday, are committed reformers, determined not only to give their country a modern economy but to replace its authoritarian one-party regime with genuine democracy. The great question is what happens as progress toward democracy erodes the discipline and power of the governing party that has been the instrument of change in the hands of the outgoing president,

Carlos Salinas de Gortari. The incoming president, Ernesto Zedillo, is among other things a man of great physical courage. He replaced the party's first nominee after his assassination last March under circumstances still not adequately explained. The secretary-general of the governing party, the Institutional Revolutionary Party. was similarly assassinated in September. The dead man's brother, until last week deputy attorney general, has accused other leaders of the party of obstructing

the investigation into that shooting.
While not much else is clear in this cloud of accusation and scandal, it is evident that a tremendous struggle is under way for control of the party and, through it. Mexico's future. The idea of opening up the political system and leaving basic decisions to democratic processes is a direct threat to many of the party's leaders — those who are fighting the modernizers and reformers.

The "Hunger Relief Sourcebook" produced by the Washington-based Travel

Industry Association of America seeks to

make a socially useful connection be-

tween travel and the alleviation of hun-

ger. The 50-page publication is a guide to the ways airports, airlines, hotels, con-

vention centers, tourist attractions, cruise

ship lines, restaurants and the like donate

leftover food to the hungry or, in some

cases, beds and amenities to the home-

less. The linkage makes sense. Practical-

ly any business that moves people

around or serves them while they are in

motion also feeds them at some point,

frequently on a vast scale guaranteed to

for businesses and a consumer guide for

prospective customers. What does a given

catering company do with the leftover

food from its banquets? Does the plane

you flew in throw away its surplus din-

ners or donate them to a shelter? The

industry association seeks to lodge these

questions in people's minds when they

are booking a trip or a convention. They

are the right questions. The amounts are

not enormous, but they add up, especially

The guide doubles as a suggestion list

produce copious leftovers.

There are links between some of these people and the drug traffickers, who are a major force in this fight. The September killing seems clearly to be linked to a drug cartel; it was apparently intended as a warning to the party to back off. And perhaps the March killing was similarly related to drugs.

Mr. Zedillo's primary task, and the one on which everything else in his presidency depends, is to strengthen and support the people and institutions in his country that are pushing for open elections, open markets and the defeat of the drug barons. He has a lot of allies, especially in Mexico's rapidly growing middle class, but, like President Salinas, he will have to exercise uncommonly brave and decisive leadership.

The United States has the most imperative kind of reason to help him. His success will bring large benefits north of the border, just as failure would mean serious trouble to both countries. American action against illegal Mexican immigrants will have to be conducted with more care and skill than California's Proposition 187 offers. One of the United States' greatest contributions will be a strong and growing economy, lifting the Mexican economy that is now closely tied to it. As President Zedillo takes office, the United States has no foreign policy concern more urgent or profoundly consequential than his steady progress in the transformation of his country.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

in Washington, where the meeting and

convention traffic is heavy.

The Smithsonian, the Willard Hotel

and the convention and visitors' bureau

of nearby Washington County, Mary-

land, are among the local institutions

featured in the guide. The Smithsonian

has a continuing arrangement with the

"food rescue service" at the nonprofit

D.C. Central Kitchen, regardless of ca-

terer; the county bureau hooks up shel-

ters and charities with hotels and restau-

rants; the Willard, besides donating

food and used furniture to shelters,

trains homeless people to work in its

kitchens. Out of the region, the most

creative initiative may be the cruise ship

company that plies a series of resorts on

You cannot run an economy on left-

on this issue it could make a difference.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

soup kitchens on the mainland.

The World 'Community' Is Betraying the Victims

By Flora Lewis

PARIS — Washington has evidently come around to the European decision to abandon Bosnia. Bihac may not be the last battle of this shameless war, but it marks the end of pretense that "the international community" is willing to protect the victims.

All the pressure now is on the Bosnian government to accept defeat. That is the only way the powers can see to end the war long the proclaimed goal of France and Russia, which have been arguing that the United States would only keep it going by using aerial force.

But the powers are making another mistake, perhaps the most grave, if they imagine that this will make their Balkan dilemma go away and let them get on quietly with reorganizing Europe and the world after the Cold War. On the contrary, the survival of the Atlantic alliance is at stake, and if it goes, so do any prospects for stability and security in Europe.

Nobody cares about Bosnia? There are regional as well as moral reasons why it must not be so. But first, the reasons why NATO can't be flushed away with it. It is ironic that the collapse of

NATO has been predicted for a long time: before the end of the Cold War by some Americans, who said the Europeans had had far-flung islands off Florida, gathering enough of them and would kick food that otherwise could not get to them out, and also by some Europeans, who said the Americans were running out of interest in overs, or alleviate a social problem like protecting their revived contihunger by cost-free networking. But organent. Then, when the Soviet nizations that waste food can always be Union collapsed, many said there urged to do better. The travel industry has was no more point to NATO and been looking to raise its civic profile, and it would vanish for lack of an enemy. None of that came true.

NATO is imperiled now for a different reason. Too many members have lost a sense of strategy and have tied it in knots to serve short-term political goals and escape hard decisions.

It is the only well-organized, well-equipped international force at a time of great uncertainty. It is the critical link between Europe and America, and if it dies, philosophical "common values" not override inevitable divisive forces and rivalries.

Ask the East Europeans why

they are still so eager and insistent about joining NATO. It is because they saw that it worked as a protective deterrent. It is because they feel an urgent need for commitment from the United States as well as from Western Europe. It is because their democrats crave the support that membership provides against the danger of rising fascist-type and military-dominated regimes. (Poles worry openly about their own army's ambitions.)

Ask Germans about how they

tute which could act if members wanted to, which they didn't in the case of Bosnia. Pursuing their argument of peace first," the French intend to propose a new negotiating

plan at the five-state contact group meeting on Yugoslavia in Brussels on Friday. It would reward most Serbian war aims. with some conditions on maintaining recognized Croatian and Bosnian borders that are unlikely to be accepted. It will take a lot more planning than that to end the war on terms that have a chance of lasting, to reach agreements on what to do with the United Nations forces and the

embargo on Serbia. Meanwhile, reports from Moscow tell of rising anti-Western feelings, a belief that the West is conspiring to keep Russia down and must be resisted. That is not reassuring for Europe, especially a Europe deprived of a strong sense of collective security based on NATO The decision to endorse the defeat of Bosnia is heart-sickening and will join the list in history's

black book of craven acts of irre-

sponsibility. Neglecting the con-

sequences and losing the Atlantic alliance would be ominous. An isolationist United States awoke at the last moment and returned to help save Europe from its monsters and its manias 50 years ago. The United States would also lose a lot if trans-Atlantic ties were broken now. But nobody should count on the need for those ties not arising once more, nor on the United

States responding a third time. ♥ Flora Lewis

The Death of an Ideal Darkens Europe

PARIS—It is nonsense for Bob Dole, and others in Washington, to blame the United Nations and NATO for the fiasco in Bosnia. Those organizations are the instruments of their members, and their failure in Bosnia has resulted from the cacophonous and contradictory instructions given them by their members, including

the U.S. government. The United States voted for all those vain, contradictory and selfrighteous Security Council resolutions that put the United Nations and UN troops in Bosnia into the situation in which they now have found themselves. Even if the United Nations "got out of the way," as the senator has recommended, NATO would have done nothing for Bihac. since Britain and France are also members of

NATO and wanted nothing done. Senator Dole should have applied his wisdom and energy to the problem three years ago when, with American commitment and leadership, something might have been done to stop the war in the former Yugoslavia. Having then said that the crisis was Europe's business, not worth endangering the life of a single American grenadier, he is illplaced to complain now and threaten to tear down the United

Nations and NATO. Saying that, I must also say something about the UN execution of the mandate given it by the Security Council. The Security Council created "safe areas," of which Bihac was one, and a heavy weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo. It instructed the UN Protection Force to see that its resolutions were carried out. It demanded that the civilians in safe areas be protected.

The United Nations chose to

make its priority the security not of those civilians but of the UN Protection Force itself. That UN soldiers are in an extraordinarily difficult situation is obvious. Equally obvious is that the Security Council has failed to provide the additional troops and re-sources that UN commanders have believed they needed to execute the missions confided to them. It is, however, axiomatic among the military that no commander ever has means adequate to his task - or at least never thinks that he does.

The UN force is composed of professional soldiers or volunteers, all of whom knew what they were getting into when they agreed to go to Yugoslavia, It is true that they are badly deployed to defend themselves and that

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they lack beavy weapons. It is also true, however, that if they did attempt to do what the Security Council has instructed them to do, to defend the civilians in safe areas, and came under attack by Bosnian Serb forces, they would have been given comprehensive air (and other) support from NATO, which is no negligible asset.

In combination with NATO support they could certainly give a serious account of themselves, sufficient to inflict significant casual-Mitterrand) but might also have provided that shock of serious international intervention which

Soldiers exist to fight and, if

No doubt this is a tribute to the democracies' sensitivities, but it is not a tribute to their prudence or - may happen elsewhere in the

There are many soldiers in that

tinction between aggressor and defender - indeed often, in practice, hostile to the victims as disturbers

of such peace as has existed.

David Rieff (in the current issue of "World Policy Journal, published at the New School in New York) has comprehensively criticized those UN conceptions of "peacekeeping" which make it possible for Lieutenant General Michael Rose, the UN commander, to say even now that "the United Nations has never said it would defend anything." The determined application to Bosnia of an irrelevant model of peacekeeping has been a major factor in putting United Nations soldiers into a situation that has

Nonetheless, the permanent members of the Security Council are fundamentally responsible for the affair.

If Britain and France have driven United Nations policy into this impasse, they also have made the principal human commitments to Bosnia and accepted a responsibility that the United States refused.

The United States declined to take a part in this affair when it could have made a difference. It made its moralizing return to the scene only in the past few weeks. while still refusing to take responsibility for the consequences of the lifted arms embargo and massive NATO hombardments it demanded. Its return was, in any

case, too late. It is a sad tale of the death of an ideal, an accomplishment and a promise - that of a Europe since 1945 which believed it had put behind it sterile wars for cruel and vain ambitions. It had not; and a darker Europe has succeeded.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Blackmail Scandal

PARIS - Two fresh arrests have been made in connection with the attempts to blackmail Paris clubs and provincial casinos, in which M. Portalis was leading actor. On Thursday evening [Nov. 29] M. Trocard, formerly business manager of the Paix, was arrested in the rue de Rome, and vesterday morning Baron Hoefler was also arrested at his residence. The charge against M. Trocard is that he made a proposal to organise a fund of about 200,000 francs in order to buy the silence of papers likely to follow Portalis.

1919: More Coal Strikes

Washington coal conference, asserted that 100,000 coal miners in Pennsylvania are expected to lay down their tools for a few days. An attempt to blow up a bridge on the Santa Fe Railroad failed to check the movement of troops into the Kansas coal fields.

WITH THE UNITED STATES 3D ARMY - From our New York edition: The battle for the Saar River got under way today [Nov. 30]. For the first time the guns of the Siegfried line, on the east bank of the Saar, opened

1944: Saar Battle Begins

lire on General George S. Patton's 3d Army forces massing on the western side of the flooded

steady foundation. There is a place to start telling impunity by the Serbs.

ties upon not only the Serbian forces directly engaged but on Serbian command and communications centers and headquarters. dishonored them. This would "add war to war" (to quote France's President François

> could have caused negotiations to be substituted for intimidation. necessary, to die. That is the contract a soldier undertakes. The democracies, not to speak of the United Nations, no longer seem to take this very seriously.

intelligence when their unwillingness to employ their soldiers as soldiers produces more war, not less. This is what has happened and continues to happen in the former Yugoslavia, and by extension - the fear is a realistic one Balkans, and perhaps beyond.

UN force in Bosnia who have found loathsome and shameful the role they actually have had to play as passive witnesses to atrocity, compelled to refuse the dis-

PITTSBURG, Kansas - [From stream. Part of the firing was in our New York edition:] Alexanthe area where French forces adder M. Howat, president of the vanced and retreated in the "pho-Kansas district of the United war prior to the spring of Mine Workers of America, on his 1940. There was nothing "phony" return today [Nov. 30] from the about the warfare today.



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By George F. Will

NEW YORK — Seven milion souls live here, doing says Police Commissioner Wilson Says Police Com New York things — littering jumping over subway turnstiles, saying how boring it must be to live in New Jersey, and being rude to one another. But until recently some 75 New Yorkers were making the city even more neurotic than it normally is. They were the "squeegee men." Given the media attention to

ures,

Subway cars are now virtually free of graffiti. Some intellectuals see this as the suffocation of the masses' creativity. The masses find it reassuring.

them, and the anxiety caused by them, people were astonished to learn that there were not 7,500 of them. Their story says a lot about urban living, and policing

and how little things mean a lot Squeegee men hung around a few congested intersections and bridge and tunnel toll plazas, "offering" to wash windshields for a fee. They relied on intimations of vandalism to vehicles whose drivers did not accept their offers. Most squeegee men were neither homeless nor poor; most had arrest records. Now they have mostly gone into another line of work, because the police decided that they contributed to the city's demoralizing atmosphere of incipient disorder.

Police rousted the squeegee men on the grounds that they were obstructing traffic. Didn't any civil liberties law-

liam Bratton, people "are tired of 'anything goes.

The mayor, Rudy Guiliani, is a former prosecutor. Mr. Bratton is a kindred spirit. This place is still a far cry from Singapore in its commitment to order, but neither is it, as it until recently was, a combination of Dodge City and Calcutta.

Just a few years ago, intellec-

tuals, who are more plentiful here than is healthy (and who rarely ride subways), were praising as folk art the graffiti that gang members and other pre-intellectual New Yorkers were spraying on subway cars. Most subway riders considered it vandalism producing an atmosphere of menace. Today, says Mr. Bratton, the city's 6,000 subway cars are virtually free of graffit. Some intellectuals probably see this as a sign of the suffocation of the masses' creativity. The masses find it reassuring. Like a corporate CEO with

his eye on the bottom line, Mr. Bratton knows his numbers, such as: 307. On a recent day that was how many fewer New Yorkers had been homicide victims this year compared with the same date last year. This is the biggest numerical one-year drop in the city's history. It is a somewhat alarming triumph, given what it says about the level from which the decline began. (There were 1,946 homicides in 1993.) There is similar mixed comfort to be taken from the fact that there have been 820 fewer shootings and 11,000

fewer robberies so far this year. The decline is partly the result of preventive policing, particularly in pursuit of guns. Bu the city should brace itself for a demographic bump in the road to bliss: In 1997-98 there will be



duced a climate of chaos.

ing an illegal weapon.

14-19 age group. However, Mr. Bratton is inoculated by experience against the despair that afflicts people bailing oceans with thimbles. As head of the transit police from 1987 to 1990, he oversaw substantial success policing the city's subway system.

The system never was, he insists, as dangerous as its reputation suggested. Only about 20 homicides occurred in the subways each year, a reassuring number here, which tells a fare-evaders. And guess what lot about the city. Mr. Bratton was swept up: One in seven rightly emphasizes that the sys- was the subject of an arrest tem handles 3.5 million riders a warrant. One in 20 was carryday and they are protected by 4,000 transit cops who respond

a bulge in the size of the unruly to about 45 crimes a day. opportunity" and suddenly, be-Forty-five, that is, not countcause the police were more acing the 80,000 fare-evaders who tive, there were fewer opportuiump turnstiles daily. Until renities. Subway crime declined cently, the 80,000 were not defor 38 consecutive months, 48 fined as a police problem. percent overall. Hence there was a problem of Until recently Bryant Park police morale - too many cops behind the Public Library in

midtown was a drug market, as concerned with a few crimes, while turnstile jumpers prowere some public places around Wall Street. Until recently it took 27 hours to process the Mr. Bratton knew there couldn't be a cop at every turn- paperwork — 12 forms — for an arrest. With computers it stile, but there could be "sweep teams" swooping down on takes less than four hours, so more police are out policing, and more New Yorkers can safely go around behaving the way they usually do, which is not a crime, quite. Subway crime is a "crime of

Reagan's Misfortune Is No Joke

WASHINGTON—Com-edy Central, a basic cable network, has been making jokes on the air about the fact that Ronald Reagan has Alzheimer's disease. The okes take the form of 15second network promotional announcements called "topi-

MEANWHILE

cals," brief comments on currents events read by an announcer and accompanied

by on-screen captions.
In the first of two promos on Nov. 19, Comedy Central advertised its Tuesday night schedule, three reruns of old Saturday Night Live" shows, with a "Dear Mr. Reagan' spot calling the repeats "a great lineup for someone in your condition.... At Comedy Central, we pride ourselves on being the perfect network for people with Alzheimer's." The second spot, which began appearing last week, is a Memo to President Reagan" which also ridicules the memory lapses that are part of the

debilitating disease.

"John Hinckley Jr. is not your pen pal," the "memo" reads, "Ron Jr. is heterosexual, and the woman with the big head is your wife. You call her mommy.' Good luck and re-

member — oh, never mind," Mr. Reagan, 83, revealed on Nov. 5, in an open letter addressed to "my fellow Americans," that he had been diagBy Tom Shales

nosed as having Alzheimer's. The former president said he intended to "live the remainder of the years God gives me on this earth doing the things I have always done" and that he hoped Nancy would find "faith and courage" to deal with the crisis.

Of this tragic news has Comedy Central made jokes. The insensitivity of the spots is consistent with a relatively new culture of cruelty in America, an environment in which "pushing the envelope" and stepping over pre-viously observed boundaries are considered the loftiest of goals. Radio talk show hosts try to outdo one another in airing outrageous and racy material, and their mentality has spilled over into television. Comedy Central, which reaches an estimated 31 million homes, gets very low ratings and is desperate to be noticed.

A Comedy Central publicist, Tony Fox, says the topicals "make the network more alive." He also says he doubts the Reagan spots would offend anyone other than "some diehard Republicans."

Gloria Banta, the network's vice president for creative affairs and a veteran comedy writer, calls herself "sort of the arbiter of taste" for Comedy Central and defended the

spots. In the first spot, she says, "we were making fun of ourselves, because we do have to rerun stuff to death. We took something that happened in the public consciousness and combined it with making fun of ourselves."

Of the second spot, the "memo" to Mr. Reagan, she said, "We agonized for three hours on this one. It was a little tougher than the other one. But in the end, it was decided to go ahead. The "topicals" come out of daily meetings of the network staff.

"We never skewer anyone who doesn't deserve it," Ms. Banta said. Have there been spots picking on Bill Clinton? We've picked on Clinton, yes, but never cruelly." Comedy Central is owned primarily by Home Box Office, whose chairman, Michael Fuchs, is a big Clinton supporter.

Robert Morton, executive producer of "Late Show with David Letterman." also known for its irreverence. says he thinks the matter of Mr. Reagan's illness should be off-limits to comics. "I don't think that's something Letterman would joke about," he said. "It would be cruel and insensitive."

"We try not to be mean," Mr. Fox says. "We try to be funny without being offensive." If they really do try, this time they really failed.

The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Norway Wants

When the head of the Norwegian "no" campaign announced ated by this concentration of victory to cheering followers in capital and skills, combined Oslo's biggest convention hall earlier this week, the phrase that drew the loudest applause was, "We are Europeans."

This "no" to European Union membership was not a vote for isolationism, nor a wish to break with our internationalist traditions. The main argument for a The Union cannot be created "no" vote was against handing the power of our Parliament, the Storting over to Brussels without proper control.

rules to make participation in scribed in the auditors' recent the democratic process a reality. Under Norwegian law, everyone has access to all official documents; the public is even entitled to read the prime minister's mail (except for military, some foreign policy and all personal matters). New legislation is prepared in a most transparent way. The workings of legislative commissions are open from the start. All main interested parties are rep resented on the committee. Public access is a legal right for everyone, not (as in Brussels) just for the chosen few.

The Norwegian government will remain as committed to European and global cooperation as it was before.

We in the Nordic countries have a tradition of broad coopcration at all levels and in all sectors. Indeed, it would be a good model for increased EU and other European integration and cooperation. The Norwe-gian peace movement said in October that it would participate in a new network on EU foreign and military policy regardless of the outcome of this week's vote. I believe that is a general attitude among our grassroots

FREDRIK S. HEFFERMEHL.

Message From the North

Regarding the report "A Blank Piece in EU's North Corner" (Nov. 30):

"Blank pieces" on the Euro-pean map? Sounds as if you're getting blinded by the Brussels juggernaut. Those are "bright ieces." And Norway is far from the only one. Switzerland is another, and there is nothing "blank" about what is happening. It is called democracy.

The message from the people is a plain and simple one, and it is the same as the message of the U.S. midterm elections on Nov. 8. The people are saying shrink government, and leave us alone to get on with our lives.

FRANCIS M. S. PEEL

Unification of Europe Regarding "For Euro-Union-

ists, the Wind From Sweden Is a Bother and a Fillip" (Opinion, Nov. 18) by Roy Denman: It was refreshing to read this contribution, which spells out

some realities underlying the unification of Europe. operative, whose members are seeking to benefit themselves we all 100 often are through the creation of a centhrough the creation of a central unit. To safeguard these Ramonville St. Agne, France.

benefits, the further political integration of Europe is prerequisite. The economic welfare crewith technical advancement in logistics and communications. has refocused priorities in people's minds and rendered 19thcentury-type sovereignty considerations obsolete.

It is not viable to join just to dilute the German powerhouse against anyone, but must be a voluntary contribution for a common good. It is a matter of trust among members. Nobody Nordic countries have unique likes waste and fraud as dereport, but the answer is to improve upon deficiencies, not throw stones or stay out.

Members reluctant to adopt this process of integration and lowering dividing barriers should stay out, since they make life miserable for themselves and others.

ADOLF SPANGENBERG.

In the 'Near Abroad'

Vassily Aksyonov ("A Changing Russia Full of Familiar Communist Faces," Opinion, Nov. 23) is indeed a noble if not a brave man for confronting his own people's "congenital sense of [anti-Western] confrontation." However, a far more complex issue confronts Mr. Aksyonov and his countrymen: to challenge the sentiments that a great number of Russians harbor toward the peoples of the 'near abroad."

Unfortunately, Mr. Aksyonov makes no attempt to alleviate the very real fears that Russia's weaker neighbors have of being pulled once again into an empire that Marx categorized as the prison house of nations." Not only is it fashionable in Russian intellectual circles to be anti-Western," it is even more prevalent among Russians to regard their language, their culture and ostensibly "their" history as superior to those of their immedi-

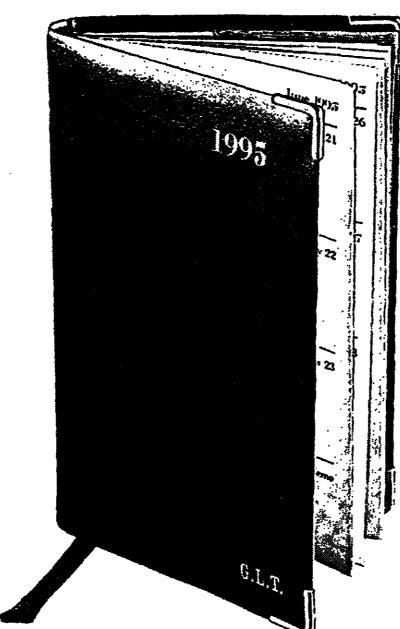
Take for example the case of Ukraine — a nation at least twice as old as Russia. Russians regard Kiev as the "mother of Russian cities," which stretches, to say the least, the truth. It is sentiments such as this, among other things, that fuel instability in that part of the world. Unfortunately, the West heeds only those threats from Russia that affect it. Can the West really afford another Yugoslav-type disaster by turning a blind eye to Russia's hege monic aspirations?

ALEXANDER R. SICH London.

Spines All A-Shiver The name Jesse Helms already sends shivers up the

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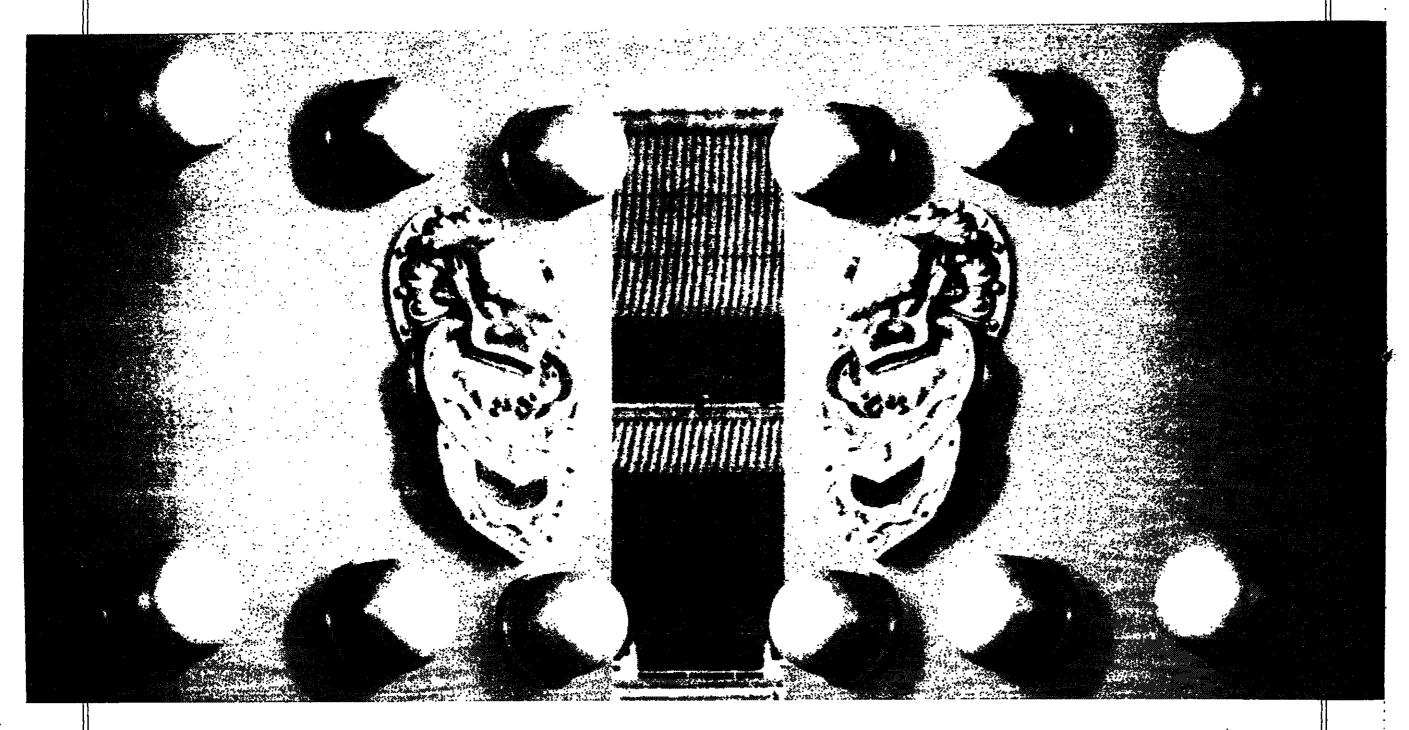
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When Jurors Begin With Closed Minds

Study Says Many Ignore Trial Evidence

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

EW YORK - There is a joke among lawyers about the difference between jury trials in England and the United States: In England, the trial starts once the jury selection ends; in America, the trial is already

Now, as the weaknesses of the jury system are coming under increasing scrutiny, a study shows that substantial numbers of jury members reach verdicts using faulty

These jurors decide on a version of events based on a preliminary story they find convincing, often at the time of the opening arguments, which then colors their interpretation of the evidence so much that they seize on whatever fits their verdict and discount the rest. Such jurors tend to make up their minds far earlier than others, and by the time they enter the jury room for deliberation they cannot be budged.

In the study, designed to be a simulation of decision-making by jurors, volunteers representative of a typical jury saw a videotaped re-enactment of a murder trial and then explained how they reached their own verdicts.

The nearly one-third of jurors whose decision-making was most flawed, the study found, also tended to be the most vehement about their certainty, and tended to argue for the most extreme verdicts during the jury's deliberation. This gave them undue influence in the final outcome.

Such jurors misconstrue their task as arguing for one version of events, rather than considering all alternatives. Justice would be better served, the researchers

conclude, if these jurors were given instruction in how to weigh evidence against all alternative versions of what happened before coming to their decision. At pre-sent, nothing in the instruction of jurors discourages such flawed decision-making.

Jury consultants say they seek to identily such people during jury selection and then oppose or keep them, depending on how the prospective juror stands on issues critical for the trial. Such jurors become, in essence, advocates on the jury for the de-

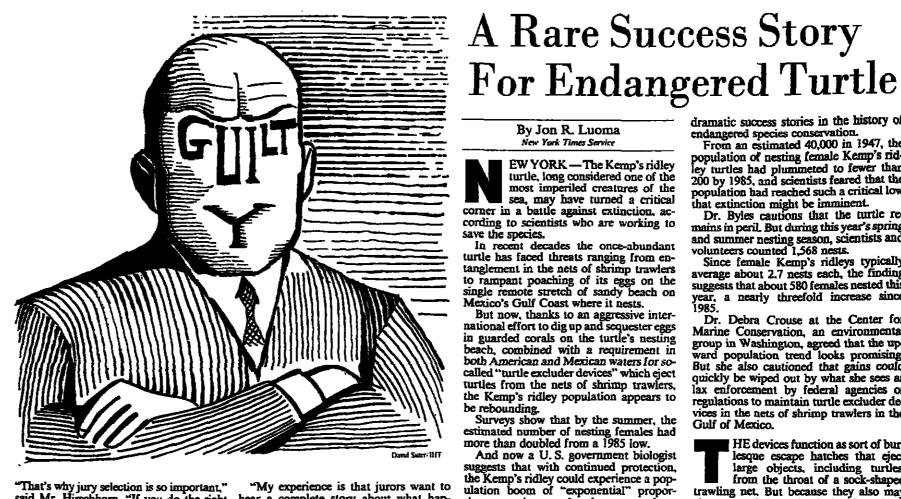
fense or prosecution during deliberation.

"These black-and-white thinkers are power brokers on a jury." said Robert Hirschhorn, a lawyer and consultant on jury selection in Galveston, Texas. "I don't want to eliminate them if they are for us."

R. Hirschhorn, who helped se-lect juries in the trials of Wil-liam Kennedy Smith and Christian Brando, and in the McMartin day-care case in California, added: "Most lawyers think it's only the well-educated, coat-and-tie jurors who will run the jury. But our experience shows that's not true. These people are like Henry Fonda in the movie 'Twelve Angry Men,' who started as a lone holdout on the jury and ended up persuading everyone else.' The conclusions were based on a study

of 152 volunteers, chosen in age, education and ethnic background to approximate a jury pool. After watching a videotape in which actors used dialogue from court transcripts to re-create a murder trial, they reached a verdict, and then were systematically interviewed about the reasoning that had gone into their decision.

Jury consultants say that during voir dire, when prospective jurors are questioned, they can select those who are most likely to come to strong black-and-white verdicts.



"That's why jury selection is so important," said Mr. Hirschhorn. "If you do the right kind of voir dire, you can spot them."

One question that might identify such jurors, said Mr. Hirschhorn, is: "Some people make up their minds quickly, while others have to hear everything about an issue before they decide. Which are you?"

On the other hand, some trial lawyers feel there is nothing wrong with the way things work now on juries. One is Jerry Spence, a lawyer in Jackson, Wyoming, who defended Imelda Marcos and sued the Kerr-McGee Corp. on behalf of Karen

"My experience is that jurors want to hear a complete story about what happened," said Mr. Spence. "When I make jurors will come to a conclusion in that

an opening statement, I always do it as a story. At that point, about 85 percent of case. But you had better be able to prove your story, because if jurors who believed you find out you haven't told the whole

be criticized for making up their minds so early on the basis of a story, because peo-ple have an immense ability to hear what

tions over the next decade or so, perhaps even reaching a goal of 10,000 adult turtles by the year 2010. populations, I was afraid over the last we were succeeding," said the biologist, Dr. Richard Byles, coordinator of the nastory, then they turn against you." Mr. Spence added, "Jurors ought not to Fish and Wildlife Service.

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By Jon R. Luoma

New York Times Service

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keep turtles out of shrimp nets, the popula-

"But this year I've been feeling really

EW YORK — The Kemp's ridley

turtle, long considered one of the most imperiled creatures of the sea, may have turned a critical

dramatic success stories in the history of endangered species conservation.

From an estimated 40,000 in 1947, the

population of nesting female Kemp's ridley turtles had plummeted to fewer than 200 by 1985, and scientists feared that the population had reached such a critical low that a critical low

that extinction might be imminent.

Dr. Byles cautions that the turtle remains in peril. But during this year's spring and summer nesting season, scientists and volunteers counted 1,568 nests.

Since female Kemp's ridleys typically average about 2.7 nests each, the finding suggests that about 580 females nested this year, a nearly threefold increase since

Dr. Debra Crouse at the Center for Marine Conservation, an environmental group in Washington, agreed that the up-ward population trend looks promising. But she also cautioned that gains could quickly be wiped out by what she sees as lax enforcement by federal agencies of regulations to maintain turtle excluder devices in the nets of shrimp trawlers in the Gulf of Mexico.

HE devices function as sort of burlesque escape hatches that eject large objects, including turtles, from the throat of a sock-shaped trawling net. But because they also may eject some shrimp, the devices have been reviled by some commercial fishermen.

Last summer, she says, some Gulf Coast shrimpers with improperly installed de-vices, or even nets with the trap doors sewn shut, killed hundreds of turtles that might

otherwise have escaped.
"I'm very hopeful," said Dr. Crouse.
"However, I'm also very concerned that the improvement might be temporary. In Texas and Louisiana we know of more than 350 dead Kemp's ridley sea turtles washing ashore last summer. We're virtually certain that most of them were drowned in shrimp trawls. At least 25 of those were adult nesting females. And the other 325 were juveniles and 'teenagers' that have been knocked out of any chance

of joining future nesting generations."

Beyond Rain Forests: Rethinking Diversity

By Natalie Angier

EW YORK -Between the everlengthening menu of Rain Forest Crunch snack foods, the Rain Forest Action Network booths at rock concerts and street fairs, and the subiquitous jungle-themed coffee mugs. T-chirts, place mats, tote bags, wall clocks, umbrellas and jewelry, the public has been saturated with the message that tropical rain forests are among the greatest and most endangered of the world's natural

As the generic eco-lecture has it, tropical rain forests like the Amazon shelter enormous numbers of species, bristling with a variety of life forms so rich that science has barely begun to tally up the multitudes. Tens of millions of species of plants, insects, fungi, amphibians, lizards, fish, snails and more remain to be discovered in the Edenic bosom of the tropical rain forests, and yet the forests are being turned into so much kindling and cow pasture before anybody has had a chance to know what is out there.

Environmental activists have succeeded in adding the term biodiversity to the common lexicon, and it has been identified above all with the tropical rain forests. Save the rain forests, the reasoning goes, and you will save a bigger proportion of the Earth's biological offerings than if you preserved any other habitat or stretch of

Now, however, a growing number of ecologists and biologists are suggesting that there are other ways of calculating biodiversity than through a simple species score card. They argue that many of the species in rain forests are closely related to each other and hence not as indicative of ears at first

By their reckoning, ecosystems like deserts, temperate forests or high-altitude grasslands may house comparatively fewer species but offer more genera, families or phyla — broader categories for grouping organisms. And in the end, a habitat with more families or phyla may be a locale of greater genetic diversity than the tropical rain forests in all their chlorophyllic, speciated abundance.

"The lowland, wet tropical forests have held sway as the dominant prom queen of

biodiversity," said Dr. Kent Redford, who is in charge of Latin American scientific studies for the Nature Conservancy, an environmental group based in Arlington, Virginia. "But levels of genera, families and orders as measures of genetic information are better represented in habitats outside rain forests." He rephrases the ecologists' familiar dictum "the imperative of the tropical rain forests" as "the tyranny of the tropical rain forests."

Dr. Melanie Stiassny, an expert in freshwater habitats and in taxonomy at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, said: "Scientists are obsessed with numbers. If you have a bigger number place very important. Well, yeah, it does in one sense, but if you follow the numbers argument too strictly, you're going to talk about basically insects.

HE most precious biological diversity may be said to lie in places claiming the greatest number of evolutionarily ancient species. Dr. Stiassny cites as an example several small freshwater lakes in Madagascar that contain about 10 species of cichlid fish. These

fish are thought to be the evolutionary link between the founder cichlid fish and the thousands of cichlid species found world-

"If we were to lose those 10 Madagascan species," she says, it would be far worse than "losing 10 from the mainland of Africa. The information they contain is qualitatively different."

In reassessing biodiversity, scientists are tossing out a few ecology verities. For example, old assumptions about an interlocking diversity are not necessarily correct: The fact that a region is diverse in beetles or orchids does not mean it offers up a farrago of birds and frogs.

The greatest diversity of insects over all is found in lowland tropics, as is the diversity of small primates. But bees, spiders and reptiles are most diverse in dry regions, as are large mammals - think of the African savanna.

As a general rule, lower altitudes are more species-rich than higher ones, but birds and butterflies, in fact, become more various as one climbs from sea level; there is an enormous diversity in both groups along the eastern slopes of the Andes.

Turtle Patterns Turtle nests at Flancho Nuevo, Mexico. TAMAULIPAS MEXICO Pacific Ocean Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Breast-Cancer Gene: No Test Near

EW YORK — Lest anybody nurse hopes that the wildly publicized discovery of the breast cancer gene two months ago will offer up new screening techniques or treatments any time soon, scientists caution that the gene is proving to be as frustrating and recalcitrant as the disease. In Wednesday's issue of the journal Nature Genetics, three teams of scientists re-

ported on their studies of the gene, called BRCA1, which in its mutant form is thought to be responsible for about half the instances of hereditary breast cancer, or up to 5 percent of all breast cancer cases. The new reports only confirm and extend the initial observations that this is a long,

unwieldy gene prone to many different mutations — factors greatly complicating the task of designing a test to reveal a woman's inherited risk. In the three reports, researchers confirmed the identity of the gene that Dr. Mark Skolnick, at the University of Utah,

and his colleagues had said was a "strong candidate" for BRCA1, and they added 31 mutations to the original five. But the true number will prove to be much higher, Dr. David Goldgar, also at Utah, is completing a report in which he summarizes all mutations detected to date, and the list has reached about 80. As researchers continue their analysis, they expect the number to climb into the hundreds.

"What we may be seeing at work here is Murphy's Law of the gene," said Dr. Fran-cis S. Collins of the National Center for Human Genome Research, an author of one of the three reports. "Anything that can go wrong with this gene will go wrong in somebody, with all the dangerous consequences and the risk of malignant disease."

Equally confounding, the scientists found that they could detect mutations in only about half the women whom they expected from previous chromosomal or medical s, to carry a defect in the gene. They attribute much of the problem to

the insensitivity of the techniques they used to screen for mutations, as well as to the possibility that the defects in gene performance lie not in the chemical structure of the gene, but in genetic switches that are in regions of the chromosome outside the scope of their search. In addition, some of the women may turn out to have mutations in genes entirely unrelated to BRCA1.

"The critical point emerging from all this work is that it's not going to be feasible to screen women fully and completely until a functional test comes along," said Dr. Mary-Claire King of the University of California at Berkeley, an author on another of the three studies.

In the third report Wednesday, Dr. Steven A. Narod of Montreal General Hospital said he had found two mutations of the gene, one of which appeared in one group of

four Canadian families who were thought to be unrelated, and the other in a second group of four. On further analysis, though, the families proved to have common ancestors; one group, for example, had an Ashkenazi Jewish heritage.

■ Effectiveness of Mammograms

Canadian researchers looking at the effectiveness of mammograms recommend that women in their 40s have routine breast X-rays, citing the benefits of catching tumors in their early, curable stages, Reuters reported from Chicago.

Dr. Linda Warren, executive director of the Screening Mammography Program of British Columbia, reported the findings at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago.

The issue of whether women 40 to 49 should undergo routine mammograms has become controversial, especially since the U. S. National Cancer Institute suggested last year that routine yearly exams were unnecessary until women reach age 50.

The Canadian study was based on results of mammograms beginning in 1988. Of 150,147 women studied, roughly onethird were under age 50 and those younger patients comprised 15 percent of the cancers detected. Nearly 87 percent of the 150 cancers were detected in an early, curable stage, before the cancer had spread to the lymph nodes, the study found.

BOOKS

FOREVER BARBIE: The Unauthorized Biography of a Real Doll

By M. G. Lord. Illustrated. 326 pages. \$25. William Morrow &

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

70U might not think an I 11½-inch vinyl doll would be worth a 326-page book. But as M. G. Lord, a former columnist and present book reviewer for Newsday, makes clear in "Forever Barbie: The Unauthorized Biography of a Real Doll,"

her subject inspires passion.

Just consider the "Sandusky Slasher," who, Lord reports, within six months between 1992 and 1993 cut the breasts and mutilated the crotches of two dozen Barbie dolls at three stores in Sandusky, Ohio."

The unknown perpetrator inspired an FBI profile describing him as "an organized and controlled individual who is probably dominated in a relationship with a woman, possibly his mother," although Lord, based on the considerable psychological expertise she acquired while researching "Forever Barbie," suspects that the slasher was a

also a space-age fertility icon, a totem of an ancient matriarchal power. In the dark, primal part of our brains where we process primitive archetypes, she is Urwoman. As an icon, she has come to represent not merely 'American' women or consumer capitalist women, but a female principle that defies national,

Where did this mythic creature originate? Like so many post-World War II products, in Germany and Japan. As Lord reports. Barbie was born in the mid-1950s as a knockoff of Bild Lilli, a German cartoon manikin sold principally in tobacco stores as "a sort of three-dimensional pinup."

After softening Lilli's streetwalker features, Barbie's creators, Ruth and Elliot Handler,

WHAT THEY'RE READING Javier Fernández del Moral, dean of information sciences at the University of Madrid, is rereading "Niebla" by Miguel de

Unammo.

"I first read Unamuno when I was 17. This novel greatly influenced me at a time when I was discovering the world of literature and a style of intimate expression like the soliloguy that Unamuno uses in this book." (Al Goodman, IHT)

pany that could produce their novelty cheaply enough. They named her after their daughter, Barbara, and later, when Barbie acquired her sexually abridged escort, they named him after their son, Ken,

Almost immediately, Lord observes, Barbie became a Ror- as "a representation of the schach test of attitudes toward femininity. People saw a message in what the author calls her "drag queen's body: broad shoulders and narrow hips, which are quintessentially male, and exaggerated breasts, which aren't."

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the author argues that the wildly successful toy possesses some attributes of a fertility goddess. Given her "itty-bitty arched feet," for Barbie to stand up she must be plunged into the earth, an attribute that unites her with the famous Venus of Willendorf

want to hear, except someone obsessed with the subject. But there are legions of such people around, and Lord seems to have interviewed all of them, including Cindy Jackson, who has undergone more than 20 operations and spent \$55,000 to turn herself into a living Barbie doll.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York

She concludes: "Critics who

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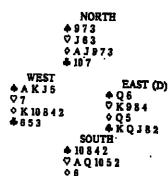
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gleton heart, so the opponents have eight hearts between them. East-West do not seem to have anything more than an eightcard fit, so there are 16 trumps.



East and West were vulnerable.

Lindberg, director of the library. The body is that of a Texas man who

IN BRIEF

The Visible Man on Internet

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Coming soon to a computer screen near you: The body of a 39-year-old man that was frozen and

cut crosswise into 1,800 slices. He's the latest traveler on the Internet, the National Library of Medicine says; but to access the entire body will require two weeks of uninterrupted Internet time and a whopping 15 gigabytes of computer storage space. The project, called the Visible Man, was unleashed into the computer Inclwork during the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

This is the first time such detailed digital information about an entire human body has been compiled," said Donald

had willed his remains to science. Images of the body were recorded from head to toe using computed tomography, magnetic resonance and X-rays. The body was then embedded in gelatin, frozen and sliced crosswise. The slices were removed one by one and the surfaces photographed. The digital photos were then stacked and programmed into an imaging computer along with the data from the radiology images.

Natural Curb of Inbreeding

WASHINGTON (WP) - Natural selection doesn't work very well when there isn't much to select from. When mate choice is limited, inbreeding reduces the likelihood of genetic variations that can enhance fitness. leading to the reduced survival and fecundity known as "inbreeding depression."

But sometimes, scientists report in the jorunal Nature, an environmental catastrophe is so hard on heavily inbred animals that it has the effect of restoring a measure of variety. From 1975 to 1990, an international team studied a small group of song sparrows on Mandarte Island, British Coof inbreeding. The sparrows suffered drastic population crashes in 1980 and 1989, in which more than 80 percent of adults died. After each crash, the researchers found, survivors had much lower "inbreeding coefficients" than those that died - suggest-

ing that natural selection had worked

against the most inbred birds and in favor

of the least inbred. Resistant Gonorrhea Strain MANILA (AP) — A gonorrhea strain resistant to antibiotics has been discovered among prostitutes in the Philippines, the

Department of Health reported.

The bacteria were discovered in a study of sexually transmitted diseases among prostitutes in Manila and central Cebu City from July to September this year. The study was funded by the U. S. Agency for International Development.

Or consider Lord's own aslumbia, and determined each bird's degree

ethnic and regional boundaries."

That means that if East-West can make 10 tricks, North-South can make six. If East-West can make nine tricks, North-South can make seven. Or they might make eight tricks each. In no case does it make sense for East to bid.

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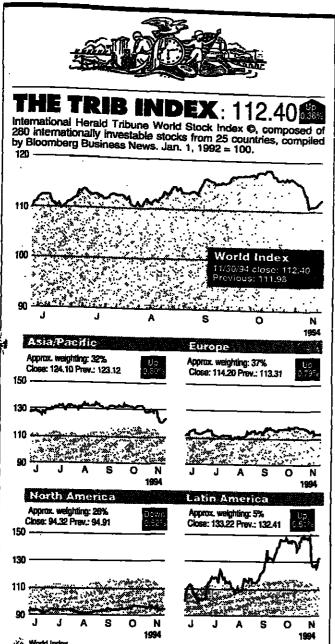
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Services	113.84	113.58	+0.23	Miscellaneous	115.19	115.88	-0.60

EU Fines Cement Firms for Collusion

Compiled by Chir Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS - The European Commission on Wednesday imposed its biggest-ever fine against 42 cement companies and associations it said had carved up the European market and fixed prices.

The fine of 248 million European currency units (\$304 million) came after an EU investigation found the cement producers were running a cartel.

The move signals an increasingly tough stand by the European Union's executive body against price-fixing and other anticompetitive practices. The commission fined cardboard makers in July and steelmakers in February.

'This year we've tackled three major cartels and imposed considerable fines," said Karel van Miert, the commissioner for competition. "I hope every-

one got the message."

The commission said the level of the fines on the cement industry reflected the longevity of the cartel, which started in 1983, and the large number of companies involved.

The biggest fine was imposed on Italy's Italcementi SpA, which was told to pay 33.58 million Ecus. Societé des Ciments Français SA, whose share price has been sliding amid concern about the size of its fine, was ordered to pay 25.77 million Ecus.

The commission said the fines reflected the size of each company and its degree of involvement in the cartel. The commission can fine companies as much as 10 percent of their European sales in the year preceding the fines.

Several of the companies involved called the action excessive and said they would appeal (AP, Bloomberg)

Are Stock Funds Fading? Latest Figures Indicate Bearish Trend

NEW YORK — When individual investors collectively decided they had had enough of bond mutual funds this year, they helped spark the century's worst bear market for bonds, the end of which still is not in sight.

Now, Wall Street fears that small investors may be reaching a similar threshold with stock mutual funds after a record four-year

The hint of a significant turn in stock fund owners' sentiment is surfacing in major mutual fund companies' reports on November pur-chasing trends. With rising interest rates on money market funds and bank certificates of deposit providing increasingly tough competition, many fund companies say their stock funds either suffered cash outflows this month or took in little new money.

The Boston-based giant Fidelity Investments, for example, said a net \$100 million had flowed out of its stock funds in November, meaning redemptions exceeded purchases by that sum - the first outflow in eight months.

At some fund companies, stock fund purchases were still on a healthy track until last week's market plunge. T. Rowe Price Associates in Baltimore says its stock funds showed a \$130 million net inflow for November, but that \$100 million flowed out when stocks dived.

Even before the market's latest setback, however, fund industry statistics suggested investors' appetite for stock funds was waning. The funds' trade group, the Investment Company Institute, said stock funds' net new

cash flow totaled \$9.3 billion in October. While that was up from \$8.1 billion in September, the two-month total of \$17.4 billion was down from \$23.3 billion in July-August.

The latest outflow numbers may seem small compared with the \$891 billion in assets still in stock funds. But markets are made at the margin; it of ten takes only a change in the trend of money flows to create a new bull cycle -- or a new bear cycle.

Of course, mutual funds aren't the only owners of bonds and stocks; pension funds, banks, insurance companies and other institutional investors also make up the market.

But with the explosion of stock and bond fund assets since 1990, the funds - as conduits for individual investors' dollars --- have become increasingly important players on Wall Street. If they are not buying, and worse if they are selling, it may be difficult for markets to mount a rally.

The recent drop-off in stock fund purchases could of course be as much a seasonal issue as a sign that investors are growing wary of the market. Tax-loss selling accelerates at this time of year, and many investors wisely delay fund purchases in November and December to avoid taxation on year-end capital gains distributions.

But with short-term interest rates at their highest levels in more than three years and still rising, many fund company executives admit that investors may simply be making the logical choice, for now, by shunning stocks in favor of money market funds, bank CDs or even bonds.

U.S. Economy Gets an Upgrade From GDP Data

By Lawrence Malkin nal Herald Tribune

NEW YORK -- The government Wednesday reported stronger economic growth during the late summer, setting the stage for a another strong quarter at Christmas and possibly a showdown between business and the Federal Reserve Board if the central bank insists on raising interest rates again.

In a revision of its third-quarter figures, the Commerce Department said stronger business, government and personal spending helped push thirdquarter growth in the gross domestic product to a 3.9 percent annual rate from the previously reported 3.4 percent.

Inflation continued to be mild, with the implicit price deflator slowing from earlier in the year to 1.9 percent — although that was three-tenths of a point higher than originally a serious decline. reported.
The growth figure was well

above the Fed's target of 2.5

Other data confirmed the

economy's momentum. In Chicago, the Purchasing Manage-ment Association said its barometer of regional business conditions had risen to 67.4 in November from 64.3 in October.

The Conference Board, which on Tuesday reported a 12-point jump in consumer confidence that may have been exaggerated by the November elections, forecast a 7 percent rise in Christmas spending based on a household survey of 5,000 shoppers.

Everett Erlich, the Commerce Department's undersecretary for economic affairs, said the combination of steady growth, low inflation and productivity growth of almost 3 percent was too good to be true" but nevertheless likely to continue without

At the same time, a note of caution emanated from the Fed, with Allen Blinder, vice chairman and a Clinton appercent. Business groups feel chairman and a Clinton ap-comfortable with GDP expansion of 2.9 percent or 3 percent economy was "extremely —a difference with the Fed of See ECONOMY, Page 12 economy was "extremely

Studio Middlemen Are Sent Reeling by ABC Deal

By Geraldine Fabrikant

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — In power breakfasts, networking lunches and phone conversations, entertainment executives are chewing on the meaning of the television studio alliance that Capital Cities/ABC Inc. announced this week with the team of Jeffrey Katzenberg, David Geffen

and Steven Spielberg.

And while the ruminations ranged widely on the implications for other Hollywood creative types, many agreed that the impact would fall most directly on the big movie studios - like Warner Brothers, Paramount, Universal, Columbia and Disney - that depend to the European Court of Jus- heavily on television production for

For decades, the studios have been the middlemen in television production, putting up money for producers to develop programs and series. They had the financial strength to bankroll productions, sell them to the networks and wait years to recover their investment.

Now, if more independent producers such as the Katzenberg-Geffen-Spielberg team can strike deals in which a network does part of the bankrolling, there is diminishing need for the middle-And, as federal rules are changing to

allow networks to own more of the programs they broadcast, fewer and fewer prime-time slots will be available for the studios to fill.

"The time periods are drying up,"

said Fred Silverman, who heads a television production company that bears his name and already sells his programs directly to the networks. His credits include "Matlock" and "Diagnosis: Mur-

Little wonder, then, that at least two studios, Paramount and Warner Brothers, are scrambling to start their own networks early next year. The movie studios "are in television

because they had the capital," said Barry Diller, chairman of QVC Inc., the home shopping network, and the former chairman of Fox Inc. "But now the sources of supply are widening, and the networks can make their own shows."

There was less consensus among industry executives, however, on the long-

term financial impact of ABC's groundbreaking agreement to share advertising revenue with its new production part-

The new arrangement breaks the mold of television series production, in which a network puts up most of the production cost and recovers its money from ad revenues, while the outside production company recovers its investment from sales of rerun rights, often

Some industry experts said they doubted that ABC or its rivals CBS and NBC would make similar deals with other producers, because Mr. Katzenberg and his colleagues had the power to

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Mrs. Lewis Steadies TLC Beatrice

By Tony Chapelle
New York Times Service

EW YORK - The late Reginald F. Lewis's unused office is a Hollywood vision of corporate grandeur. The bright Persian rug, fortress of a desk and trunk-like humidor of Monte Cristo cigars bespeak wealth and power. Outside the floor-to-ceiling window, Central Park, in all its fall glory, seems to rush in.

Mr. Lewis's office is a mere shrine these days, though; a new chief executive has settled into more utilitarian dies at the far end of the building. Nearly two years after her husband died of brain cancer at the age of 50, Loida Nicolas Lewis has taken the helm at the company he built, TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc., which operates in Europe and is the largest black-owned business in the United States.

TLC — which stands for The Lewis Co. — now has 16 subsidiaries in Western Europe with a work force of 4,500. Its gems are its wholesale grocery operation and two French discount supermar-ket chains, Franprix and Leader Price. Dennis Jones, executive vice president for operations, estimates that 1994 revenue will hit \$1.6 billion.

It has been an eventful year for Loida Lewis. At first she was unsure how much corporate control she wanted, and she declined to give interviews.

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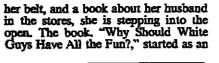
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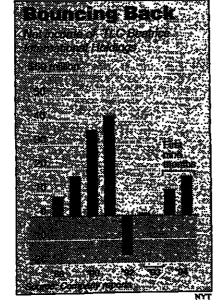
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autobiography and was completed by Blair Walker after Mr. Lewis's death. And now that she has stepped forward, Mrs. Lewis is willing to talk of her successes since replacing Jean Fugett Jr.,

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Sources: Reviers, Lloyds Bank.

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Mr. Lewis's half-brother, who ran the company last year.

"When I just came in," she said, in a pronounced Filipino accent, "my consultants said, 'You can't raise \$20 million in bridge loans.' But we did it in a month. When we wanted to sell the corporate plane, they bet me that our prospective buyer didn't have the money to close. But he paid us \$14 million.

Since becoming chairwoman in February and chief executive in July, Mrs. Lewis also has sold several subpar subsidiaries, slashed the staff and size of the company's Manhattan headquarters and hired a new chief financial officer. A few weeks ago, she oversaw the refinancing of a \$170 million bank loan.

Still, some analysts and shareholders remain leery of her qualifications: She is an immigration lawyer with no formal business background. A good part of the company's recent financial results, skeptics said, can be attributed to a rebound in the European economy.

And while Mrs. Lewis has calmed at least some stockholders, who were shaken by her husband's death and disclosures about the rocky condition of the company's business, she is embroiled in a bitter lawsuit with one holder group, Carlton Investments, over the amount of Mr. Lewis's past compensation.

The group, which originally included See TLC, Page 15

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Fare System

By Erik Ipsen ternational Herald Tribus LONDON - The 50-yearold system by which many in-ternational air fares are set on a bilateral basis is anti-competitive and contributes to price collusion among airlines that allows them to charge artificially high fares, Britain's Civil Aviation Authority charged

Wednesday. In a report, the authority flat-ly said that the bilateral system, which so evidently concerns itself more with the interests of producers than consumers, is increasingly unacceptable."

The authority called for measures to encourage the entrance of smaller carriers into the market as an antidote to the existing system dominated in many markets by a few large carriers.
In Geneva, a spokesman for
the International Air Transport

Association, the trade group representing most of the world's airlines, rejected the charges. "They make it sound as if this was something done in back alleys, something that was invented by the airlines to do in the consumer," the spokesman said.

Analysts said the system was unlikely to change soon. "As long as many governments are funding loss-making stateowned carriers it will be in their best interests to maintain whatever amount of protection they can," Guy Kekwick of Lehman Brothers International Ltd. said.

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A number of European airlines, including British Airways PLC and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, are currently contesting in court the European Commission's recent approval of a 20 billion French franc (\$3.7 billion) cash infusion granted to Air France by its government. Similarly, opposition is mounting to an expected second state bailout of Iberia Air Lines.

Proponents of freer competition among European airlines recently got another harsh re-minder of how far there is to go, when a strike by Iberia's unions Tuesday grounded more than 1,100 flights.

(Iberia's pilots union balked +0.15 --0.10 +2.50 Wednesday at an accord to save the carrier and called instead for a complete overhaul of the company, The Associated Press reported from Madrid.)

General Magic Gets More Backers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PALO ALTO, California — Four international telecommunication and consumer electronics companies said Wednesday they had

invested in General Magic Inc., a developer of computer and communications software. General Magic will receive undisclosed equity investments from three Japanese consumer

electronic companies — Sanyo Electric Co., Mitsubishi Electric Corp., Oki Electric Industry Co. - and a Canadian telecommunications equipment maker, Northern Telecom Ltd.
The backing from the companies could help General Magic establish its software as

the standard for wireless communication between handheld computers.

The four new General Magic backers said they would use General Magic's technology in portable computers or communication de-

vices they were developing.

The new General Magic partners join Apple Computer Inc., Sony Corp., Motorola Inc., AT&T Corp., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. and several other international computer and telecommunication leaders.

General Magic, founded by several former Apple employees, remains privately held. The company's founders and many of its 120 employees own a majority stake. The company has delayed plans for an initial public

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Sega Set to Beam Into U.S. Homes

ANAHEIM, California - Sega Enterprises Ltd., the Japanese video-game maker, said Wednesday it would offer its interactive Sega Channel throughout the United States after market tests proved successful.

The Sega Channel is an interactive cable

demand, along with contests, news and test versions of upcoming Sega games.

It was test-marketed in 12 U.S. cities over the past year. Sega said it planned to begin making the channel available in new markets

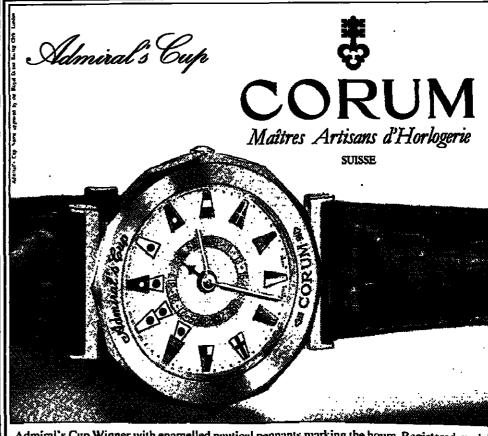
By January, it will be available in Chicago, San Francisco, Scattle, Indianapolis, Hart-

ford, Connecticut and South Bend, Indiana. Within a year, it will be available in about 20 million homes nationwide, the company said. "We're very excited about the test results,"

said Stanley Thomas Jr., president of Sega Channel. "Sega Channel has performed even better than our expectations in virtually every television channel that offers video games on area researched, from subscriber satisfaction to perceived value."

He said 8 percent of subscribers in the test markets were first-time subscribers to basic cable television service.

Mr. Thomas also said the television service had increased sales of Sega Genesis game machines and offered wider exposure for Sega



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MARKET DIARY

U.S. Data Revision Fails to Spur Dollar

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar was little changed against most other major currencies Wednesday after economic reports suggested the U.S. economy was growing fast enough to drive up interest rates, dealers said.

The dollar ended at 98.975 yen, flat from Tuesday. The dollar was bid at 1.5700 Deutsche marks, down from 1.5702 DM. The dollar was also at 1.3272 Swiss francs, down from

Foreign Exchange

1.3295 francs, and 5.3835 French francs, down from 5.3928 francs.

The pound rose to \$1.5645 from \$1.5625, supported by what was considered to be a favorable British budget for the year to March 1996, which was released Tuesday.

Many traders said they were encouraged by the dollar's per-formance this week because strong economic reports sent it higher, rather than lower. Bullish economic data often raise concern about inflation, which

triggers slumps in stocks, bonds and the dollar.

Data released Wednesday included an upward revision in the U.S. third-quarter gross domestic product and a rise in the Chicago Purchasing Management Association index on regional business conditions.

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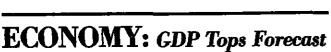
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The reports added to speculation that the pace of U.S. economic expansion will force the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates.

Dealers said investors had been increasingly attracted to the dollar because of high yields on short- and medium-term Treasurys. In addition, strong U.S. economic data reinforce the view that high bond yields will draw investors to the Unit-

Higher rates make it more expensive for consumers and companies to borrow and therefore tend to put the brakes on economic expansion. They also tend to make a currency more attractive relative to other cur-

(AFX Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)



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strong," he doubted that unemployment could go much lower without risking inflation — a comment markets will bear in mind in assessing monthly employment figures due Friday. ■ Stocks Beset by Rates

The stock market finished little changed Wednesday, held back by concern about rising interest rates, news agencies re-

The Dow Jones industrial av-

U.S. Stocks

at 3,739.23, while gaining issues outnumbered losing ones by a 3-to-2 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 11/32 point, to 94 13/32, taking the yield down to 8.00 percent from 8.03 percent Tuesday.

Bond yields holding near 8 percent have drawn investors away from equities in recent

Telefonos de Mexico's American depositary receipts were to 43½ on rumors the software the most actively traded issue company was planning to on the New York Stock Ex-change, falling 14 to 53 on dis-which fell 1½ to 414. change, falling 11/4 to 53 on disappointment with some of Pres-

ident-elect Ernest Zedillo's

cabinet appointments. Chrysler rose I to 48½ on expectations for the automaker to

raise its dividend Thursday. In over-the-counter trading Level One Communications fell 4½ to 12¼ after Montgomery Securities and Robertson Stephens & Co. downgraded the stock, citing a delay in a large company order.

Applied Materials fell 4% to 47% after the company said its 1995 earnings might suffer from erage finished up just 0.68 point an inability to keep up with demand for its thin-film products.

Intel fell 2% to 63% as concern continued over problems with its popular Pentium microprocessors. International Business Machines said it would establish telephone help lines and offer replacements to customers who had bought personal computers

Compaq Computer fell 11/4 to 39%. The company sued rival computer maker Packard Bell Electronics for infringing on three of its patents.

(AP, Reuters)

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containing the Pentium chip.

ABC: Studios Try to Sort Out Production Deal's Impact said, referring to the Hollywood talent agent who runs the Creative Artists Agency. "Any good agent is going to use the last best deal as the negotiating

"Messrs. Geffen, Katzenberg major studio said he doubted and Spielberg may be special people," this executive said, but it is hard to tell special that the Katzenberg-Geffen-

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basis" for a new deal, he said.

"Anyone who says that has there is only one special person not met Michael Ovitz," he and it is not them."

Although Mr. Diller said ABC was getting "the three best guys in the business," he added that other superstars would be lining up at the trough.

"It will be hard to turn superstars away from ad revenue," Mr. Diller said. "That is a serious issue, because premium ads are the rich cream of the net-

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NYSE Disciplines Ex-Kidder Trader

NEW YORK (AP) — Joseph Jett, the former star tradef at Kidder, Peabody & Co. who was accused of a plot to concoct \$350

million in phony bond profits, has essentially been barred from Wall Street by the New York Stock Exchange.

Seven months after Kidder fired Mr. Jett over the alleged scheme, the exchange said it had disciplined him for refusing to

testify before the exchange's enforcement arm, one of several groups investigating the bond-trading scandal.

The action bars Mr. Jett from trading securities or working for any NYSE-affiliated employer. Such prohibitions historically have been observed by the entire brokerage industry.

American Brands Sells Franklin Life

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — American Brands Inc. has agreed to sell Franklin Life Insurance Co. to American General Corp., a financial services conglomerate, for \$1.17 billion, the companies announced Wednesday.

American Brands said the transaction would be tax-free. American General said the acquisition would make it one of the top 10 U.S. stock life insurance companies.

American Brands is also seeking to sell American Tobacco Co. to BAT Industries PLC of Britain for \$1 billion. The Federal Trade Commission voted Wednesday to file an administrative complaint that alleges the buyont would violate U.S. antitrust (AP, Bloomberg)

Teléfonos Takes Stake in Televisa

MEXICO CITY (Combined Dispatches) — Teléfonos de Méraco SA said Wednesday it had agreed to pay \$211 million to buy 49 percent of Cablevision SA, a leading cable-TV system in Mexico

owned by Grupo Televisa SA.

The deal comes as Teléfonos, whose American depositary receipts were the most actively traded issue on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, tries to modernize its telephorsystem in the face of greater competition under Mexico's sweeping. economic reforms. (AP, Bloomberg)

Texaco Plans 34% Rise in Output

WHITE PLAINS, New York (Bloomberg) — Texaco Ind., unsatisfied with its current performance compared with other major oil companies, plans to raise its international oil production by 34 percent by the end of the decade, the company's cinef

executive said Wednesday.

Alfred C. DeCrane Jr. said his goal was to improve Texaco's position in the energy industry without depending on "some wild ride based on improving oil and gas prices." He said the company would focus on growth abroad.

On Tuesday, Texaco said it had agreed to sell 300 of its U.S. oil fields to Apache Corp. for \$600 million as part of a broad restructuring plan.

Silver Price Heads for a 1-Year Low 🐇

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - Silver approached its lowest price in a year Wednesday as higher interest rates depressed demand. Silver for March delivery, the actively traded contract, fell 15.7 cents to \$4.975 an ounce on the Commodity Exchange, the lowest for an active contract since Dec. 6, 1993.

Silver and gold are often bought as a hedge against inflation. But even with strong economic growth, consumer inflation is still running at a mild 2.6 percent rate. Rising supplies have also pushed silver prices lower.

Hasbro Buys U.K. Monopoly Game

LONDON (Bloomberg) — Hasbro Inc., the U.S. toy company, will pay £50 million (\$78 million) to buy the games division of John Waddington PLC, the maker of the British variation of the world-famous Monopoly board game.

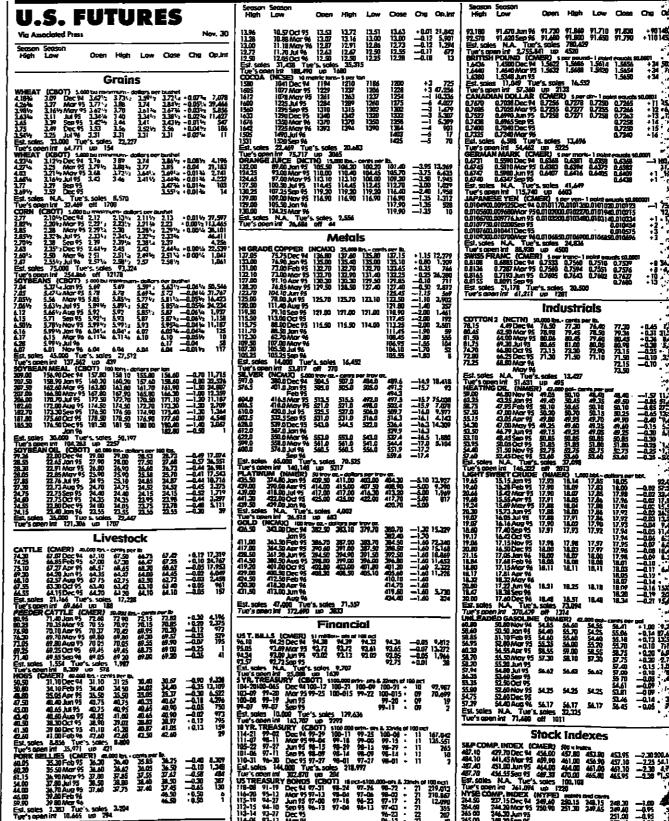
The British version has been licensed to Waddington since 1935. Parker Brothers, a unit of Hasbro, markets the game in the

For the Record

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said in a speech in Utah that banks should consider charging business customers different interest rates depending on how risky the

Viacom Inc. agreed to buy Boston television station WSBK

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Unemployment **Fell to 12.6% in** France in October

PARIS - French unemploy-Ment showed its biggest monthly fall in six years in October, bringing the number out of work down from record levels to 3.33 million, the Labor Ministry said Wednesday.

.... The drop took the unemploynt rate to 12.6 percent from 12.7 percent in September. It was seen as good news for the government, which is anxious to show before next year's pres-'idential elections that its economic policies are creating jobs.

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boost consumer confidence and was a "rather positive" development for the government, Philippe Brossard, an economist at Crédit Lyonnais, said.

Budgets Stress Austerity **Greece Strives to Meet EU Standards**

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ATHENS - Greece's government presented an austere 1995 budget Wednesday, apparently aimed at appeasing European Union partners who are concerned that the Greek economy is trailing others in the EU.

The budget would hold down state expenses and increase the primary surplus without imposing new taxes but seek to collect existing ones more effectively, Finance Minister Alexandros Papadopoulos said.

It forecasts a primary budget surplus of 3.4 percent of gross domestic product, compared with a 2 percent surplus in 1994 and the 3.5 percent pledged by Greece in its so-called convergence plan to bring its economy in line with those of other EU countries.

"The 1995 budget is of historic importance. The country cannot afford another disappointment over its convergence plan," Mr. Papadopoulos said.

The primary budget surplus excludes interest payments on Greece's huge debt, which is estimated at more than 110 percent of GDP. The general budget deficit, including payments on the debt, is forecast to fall to 9.8

percent of GDP in 1995 from 12 percent in 1994 and 10.7 percent in the convergence plan. An 18.6 percent rise in revenue is expected, mainly from battling rampant tax evasion,

collecting old debts and selling casino licenses. No new taxes were called for. Greece's public-debt service will total about 6.2 trillion drachmas (\$26 billion) in

1995, up from 5.6 trillion in 1994. The budget forecasts that Greece's nominal GDP will grow 9.6 percent in 1995, to 25.3 trillion drachmas. It projects revenue of 8.31 trillion drachmas and a 10.4 percent increase

in spending, to 10.81 trillion drachmas. The budget calls for a 31 percent increase in public investment spending, with spending on health rising 17 percent and spending on education rising 12.5 percent.

The budget forecasts year-on-year inflation of 11 percent in December. Mr. Papadopoulos said Parliament was expected to debate and vote on the budget Dec. 17.

Spending on salaries and pensions is expected to rise by 10 percent in 1995, while spending on agriculture will rise 7.5 percent.

In Austria, Spending Cuts Draw Fire

VIENNA — Chancellor Franz Vranitzky submitted a budget to Parliament on Wednesday that called for saving 250 billion schillings (\$23 billion) over the next four years. For the first time in Austria's postwar his-

tory, the spending plan has met with strong protests by trade unions, white-collar work ers' groups and across the political spectrum. Mr. Vranitzky defended the budget as "a comprehensive, offensive and bold program.' He said cuts in burgeoning public spending

had to be made to secure a sound financial base for Austria's future. "It is not that we are in any immediate danger, but it is better to make cuts when there is an economic upturn . . . so we are prepared in

case of another recession." he said. tions and sought to acquire two Mr. Vranitzky, chancellor since 1986, deor three medium-sized pharmanied that Austria had been living beyond its

means, despite estimates of a budget deficit for 1994 of 100 billion schillings.

The new budget stipulates cuts in family allowances, welfare benefits, a variety of other social programs and government subsidies. It renews the government's never-fulfilled pledge of reducing the growing army of civil servants.

Mr. Vranitzky vowed to step up the government's fight against tax evasion and abuse of social benefits and promised steps to create 200,000 jobs and build 50,000 new apartments a year.

He also said the retirement age would be gradually increased, but it was not known when this would be implemented. At present, male workers can retire at 60, although the official retirement age is 65. Corresponding age limits for women are 55 and 60. (Reuters, AP)

Moscow **Privatizes** TV Outlet

MOSCOW - President Boris N. Yeltsin on Wednesday ordered the government to sell shares of Russia's largest state television and radio company. though 51 percent of the stock would remain in state hands.

The company, Ostankino, broadcasts throughout the former Soviet Union. The new venture would be called Russian Public Television.

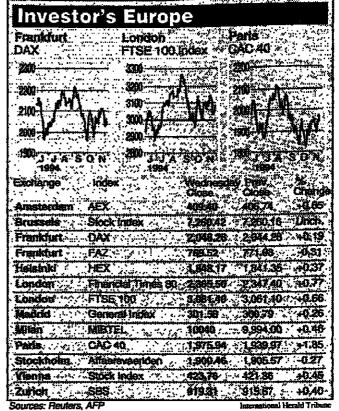
Last month, Mr. Yeltsin announced he might merge Ostan-kino with the second nationwide state broadcasting company, Russian Television & Radio Co. But he changed his mind after the media and some politicians warned that the step would result in a government broadcasting monopoly.

Mr. Yeltsin's opponents have complained that state television favors the government and carries biased coverage of political events, charges that Russian broadcast executives deny.

Ostankino's chief, Alexander Yakoviev, told the Itar-Tass news agency that Mr. Yeltsin had acknowledged the proposed merger would not "help democracy" and instead of-

fered to privatize Ostankino. The remaining 49 percent of Ostankino's stock would be sold to 12 major companies and organizations, including Itar-Tass, the Stolichny and Inkombank commercial banks, Aeroflot, and the Avtovaz car

Mr. Yakovlev said the privatization would help make Russian television independent. He also said it would bar political groups from taking control of the network before next year's parliamentary elections and the



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 Coditel, the Belgian cable television company, has been ordered by a court to stop broadcasting Turner Broadcasting System Inc.'s cartoon channel.

• Texas Instruments Inc. plans to invest \$500 million to raise its silicon-wafer production capacity at its plant in Avezzano, Italy. European Union businesses are facing longer delays in getting paid for their work and some are going bankrupt as a result, the European Commission said.

• Royal Neddloyd Group NV posted a third-quarter net profit of 43 million guilders (\$25 million), reversing a loss of 7 million guilders, as lower financing costs offset a sharp decline in earnings from ocean shipping.

Boelwerf Vlaanderen NV, Belgium's last major shipyard, was declared bankrupt Wednesday, a court official said.

Telegraph PLC's Canadian parent, Hollinger Inc., is beginning to rebuild its stake in the newspaper publisher, six months after

selling a large share block. • Ceske Energeticke Zavody, the partly privatized Czech power utility, launched the former Communist bloc's first investment-

grade corporate bond with a \$150 million, five-year Eurobond

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Michael Milken and other former Drexel Burnham Lambert investment bankers. was central to the financing of TLC, the product of a 1987 leveraged buyout of the non-U.S. businesses of Beatrice Cos.

Mrs. Lewis says the suit is a subterfuge; what the investors really want, she says, is to cash out of the private company by forcing an ill-timed initial public offering or a sale of valuable assets. Representatives of Carlton declined to comment.

The fortunes of TLC Beatrice have been closely watched ever since the buyout, the largest ever of a U.S. company with all its assets abroad. Based on cash flow, TLC has a market value of \$729 million, according to David Wells, an analyst at Bear, Stearns &

In 1992, the year before Mr. Lewis died, his net worth was put at \$400 million. Mrs. Lewis, 51, and her daughter Leslie, a college student, now control 48 percent of the shares. Altogether, the family controls just over 50 percent. Because of Leslie's interest, both women still call the company black-

The publisher of Black Enterprise magazine, Earl Graves Sr., agrees, saying that the board "is African-American for the most part, the people Mrs. Lewis surrounds herself with are black."

Loida Lewis took a painful route to the top, starting in January 1993, when her husband died the day after the company announced that he had slipped into a coma. A week earlier, Mr. Lewis had named Mr. Fugett to head the company.
"We needed someone right away so the

minority shareholders wouldn't think things were going down the tubes," said Lee Ar-

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cher, a long-time director. According to Mr. only "until Mrs. Lewis could get emotionally together to tell us how she wanted the соправу гив."

Mrs. Lewis, a devout Catholic who opens board meetings with a prayer, remained in mourning for nearly a year.

By September 1993, though, TLC Be-atrice was running into trouble. The Euro-pean consumer market was gasping through a prolonged recession. And while Mr. Fugett made some changes, a mutiny by the company's private shareholders hastened

One problem was the company's secrecy. In the summer of 1993, many shareholders opened newspapers to find that Mr. Fugett wanted to acquire the Baltimore Orioles baseball team, a puzzling move for a food company. Mrs. Lewis refuses to comment on that idea, which was eventually dropped.

Soon after, jumpy investors got another shock. Beatrice had just approached the bond market for \$150 million, requiring it to open its books. Suddenly Wall Street found out not only that Mr. Lewis had been paid \$22 million in bonuses in the previous five years but that TLC had sizable losses and cash-flow problems.

Several shareholder groups immediately demanded that the stock be taken public, on the theory that the market would make it

liquid enough to pick up some value.

Partly as a result, Mr. Fugett soon handed the reins to Mrs. Lewis. There was speculation at the time that Mr. Fugett had been urged to leave by his brother, Anthony, a TLC director, and by Frank E. Richardson, another director, president of Wesray Capi-

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Mrs. Lewis tells it differently, saying that Archer, Mr. Fugett was to remain in charge she and Mr. Fugett, who owns no TLC shares, had had talks about her future role. Then, before an executive committee meeting in December, she said she prayed, and later phoned Mr. Fugett and said, "Jean, I'm ready." She says he told her, "Loida, it's yours to take."

There was, she said, no boardroom drama: "It was all very cordial." Mr. Fugett did not respond to requests for an inter-

Gerry Schwartz, who bought the Beatrice Canada division from Reginald Lewis, said: "She was not only a wonderful wife: she was a business partner. She sat in on many meetings, and she understood his strategy. It's her family's money at stake. She understands the business. Why shouldn't she step in and run the compa-

When she took over, it was a wrenching decision for the family, but it prompted Carlton Investments, the largest nonfamily shareholder group, to withdraw its de-mand that the group's shares be offered publicly. As part of TLC's original stockholders' agreement, Carlton had the right to demand a limited offering, which generally makes the stock harder to trade than an offering of all of a company's shares.

Mr. Milken, who was part of Carlton, not only financed the 1987 buyout but also helped Mr. Lewis persuade Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co., then the owner of Beatrice Cos., that he could handle the deal. In return, Mr. Milken and other former Drexel partners received 26 percent of TLC Beatrice's equity.

Mr. Lewis paid KKR \$985 million for Beatrice International, which consisted of

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64 companies outside the United States. Beatrice's U.S. businesses were sold to ConAgra Inc.

Mrs. Lewis's defusing of that initial in-sider revolt might well have stood as her main accomplishment this year, but in May, Carlton brought a lawsuit in New York State Supreme Court asserting that the \$22 million paid to Mr. Lewis had been "in flagrant violation" of the stockholders' agreement.

Mr. Milken was not consulted about the lawsuit and has distanced himself from the matter by separating his assets from Carl-

Since he was released from prison last year, after serving time for securities-law violations, he has been battling prostate cancer — so far, successfully. "I'm not familiar with the lawsuit," he said in a recent interview. "Life is too short to get into these types of disputes."

asked his board for payment to compensate him for managing he never expected to have to do. Expecting to be just the owner, he also became chief executive.

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Although she libefore, Mrs. Lewis's memory.

"Reg Lewis stopped everything else he was doing," said Reynaldo P. Glover, TLC's general counsel. "He moved his entire family to France. He ran around Europe to see that his division managers were developing budgets, planning for growth, seeing that sales plans were on target. He earned the payment."

At a mention of the lawsuit, Mrs. Lewis responded firmly but calmly.

"They're trying to pressure me to follow what they want for their exit strategy," she said. "We have tried several times to come to common ground, and it's always no go." Her spokesman, Rene S. Meily, called

TLC executives assert that Mr. Lewis Carlton's suit an attempt to "tarnish" Mr.

Although she has never run a company before, Mrs. Lewis insists she is not at a loss for experience. "I had the best tutor, Reginald Lewis," she said. And there was business in her background, too: her father founded Nicfur, a successful Philippine

furniture-store chain. Even so, Mrs. Lewis has a persona more akin to that of a diplomat than a corporate chieftain. These days, she spends about half of each month in Europe. She maintains a home in Paris and visits plants and stores in Ireland, the Canary Islands, Spain and five other countries to meet with TLC managers.

Her key advisers are Mr. Glover, the general counsel; Carl Brody, a senior vice president, and her sister, Irnelda Nicolas, her executive assistant.

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Ford to Build Mazda Cars for Sale in Europe

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TOKYO -- Ford Motor Co. said Wednesday it would build about 25,000 subcompact cars a year for Mazda Motor Corp. to sell in Europe under the Mazda

Ford said it would build the cars, based on its Fiesta model, late next year at one of its European plants. The exact location has not yet been chosen. Ford builds the Fiesta in Dagenham, England, and Valencia, Spain, as well as in Cologne.

The vehicle will be manufactured by Ford, with Mazda responsible for interior and exterior styling.

Mazda said the arrangement would help reduce the effect of currency fluctuations. The appreciation of the yen against the dollar and other major currencies has made Japanese products more expensive overseas, and Mazda is the only major Japanese carmaker without a factory in Europe.

Ford, which owns 24.5 per-cent of Mazda, increased its management control of the Japanese carmaker in June to try to help Mazda reverse its steep losses and falling sales.

A spokesman said the two could also jointly develop an even smaller "city car" that Ford plans to introduce in Europe in 1996 or 1997.

Although Ford has been a shareholder in Mazda since 1979, the two agreed only late last year to jointly develop a global strategy. Ford plans to

Mazda produces Ford's right-hand-drive cars in Japan. The two companies also have a joint production unit in Flat Rock, Michigan.

In June, Alexander Trotman. Ford's chairman, said he did not want to increase his company's stake in Mazda, That came right after Ford installed three senior

executives on Mazda's board. A Mazda spokesman said a few weeks ago that the company planned to contract Ford to make Mazda cars for Europe

but did not give further details. Executives declined Wednesday to say whether the deal portended further aid for Mazda. Mazda lost 44.1 billion yen

(\$447 million) during its last financial year on sales of 1.77 trillion yen. Ford had a net profit last year of \$2.5 billion on sales of \$108 billion.

"This won't change much for Mazda," said Keith Ashworth-Lord, an analyst at Daiwa Institute of Research in London. "But Ford is taking a step to protect its investment."

Mazda's European sales in the first nine months of this year fell 10 percent, to 141,000 cars, while its overall Japanese car sales fell 7 percent.

Mazda, which depends on exports for 60 percent of its revenue, recently blamed poor sales and the high yen for a loss before taxes and extraordinary items of 28.6 billion yen for the six months ended Sept. 30. (Bloomberg, AP, AFP)

Era Ends in Hong Kong **Jardine Quits Bourse as 1997 Looms**

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's stock market witnessed the end of an cra Wednesday as Jardine Matheson, the trading house whose rise traced the territory's own, disappeared from the bourse's blue-chip index. Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. and Jar-dine Strategic Holdings Ltd. were replaced on

the Hang Seng stock index in anticipation of the removal of their shares from the stock market Dec. 31.

The trading house, long a dominant presence in Hong Kong, got its start before the colony was founded, selling opium to China in the 19th century.

But it had poor relations with Beijing from the start. It has recently been accused of supporting Governor Chris Patten's plans for democratic reforms in Hong Kong, which have drawn Chinese opposition, and of not being committed to the territory's future.

A desire to avoid falling under Beijing's rule when Hong Kong reverts to Chinese control in 1997 is widely believed to lie behind the company's retreat from the local bourse, although the official reason is a dispute with the stock exchange over takeover

Jardine is planning to shift its headquarters to Singapore before China takes over Hong

The concern that calculates the Hang Seng index named four companies in September to replace the two Jardine companies and two others - Lai Sun Garment International Ltd. and Winsor Industrial Corp. - on Wednes-

Three other Jardine units - Hongkong Land Holdings Ltd., Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd. and Mandarin Oriental International Ltd. - will be replaced on the index as of Feb. 28.

Stock in Jardine Matheson and Jardine Strategic rose Wednesday as the four new entries - Amoy Properties, Guangdong Investment, Johnson Electric and Oriental Press Group Ltd. - all declined, and the Hang Seng index lost 2.22 percent to close at 8,466.26 points.

Despite the historic reverberations, analysts said the changeover should have little impact on the market.

The market should have adjusted for the change in index stocks," said Samuel Lan, director at a research unit of Seapower International Holdings Ltd. "The new entries are being sold down because their debut unfortunately coincided with a very weak market." Indeed, the Jardine units remaining in the Hang Seng fell steeply Wednesday. Hong-

The oldest of Hong Kong's trading houses is slowly severing its ties to the colony.

kong Land fell nearly 5 percent, to 16.05 Hong Kong dollars (\$2.00). Brokers said the restructuring of another

index — the Morgan Stanley Capital International Hong Kong index — caused investors to bail out of the Jardine units. Morgan Stanley said it was restructuring its

Hong Kong index to better reflect the evolving industry profile of Hong Kong and the impact of the delisting of the Jardine compa-In addition to Hongkong Land, the broker-

age concern said it was deleting Dairy Farm and Mandarin Oriental from its index. Dairy Farm fell to 8.10 from 8.15, and Mandarin Oriental dropped 45 cents, to 8.00.

Analysts said selling pressure on Hongkong Land had been intensfied by a drop in stocks across the property sector.

Of the issues being dropped from the Morgan Stanley index, only Shangri-la Asia Ltd. managed to buck the market trend, rising 25 cents, to 11.55.

The volatility brought by the juggling of the indexes is likely to keep small investors on the sidelines for now, said Kinson Au, senior analyst from PW Asia Brokerage.

Australia **Documents** A Boom

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY - The Australian economy grew at an annual rate of 6.4 percent in the third quarter, its best performance in nine years and the fastest growth rate among industrialized na-tions, official data showed Wednesday.

Gross domestic product the value of all goods and ser-vices produced in the economy -rose a seasonally adjusted 1.3 percent in the three months before compounding, the Australian Bureau of Statistics said. Business investment soared

22 percent annually in the quarter, while housing investment rose at an 11 percent rate. Despite the strong growth, nearly every indicator of infla-

tion in the report showed that prices were subdued. But analysts warned that such strong economic growth could lead to an inflationary backlash and predicted the Reserve Bank of Australia would raise interest rates for a third time either before Christmas or

soon afterward. The Australian dollar surged half a U.S. cent in afternoon trading in New York to 76.87 cents, its highest level in more than two years. The stock market, however, was little changed, as the All Ordinaries index finished down 0.60.

(Reuters, Bloomberg) Oil Firms in Merger Talks Ampol Ltd., a unit of Pioneer Australia Ltd. said they were discussing a possible merger that would create Australia's largest oil company, Agence France-Presse reported.

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to approve them if they were refineries," a source at China's SINGAPORE — Beijing has aimed at the domestic market. state-owned refinery, Sinopec, said. "It will be difficult to have Beijing actually approve a new

Chinese sources said conolder plants instead, industry gam access to the huge market. struction of refineries would be a waste because many of the country's existing plants were underused and could be ex-

Last year, China ran its refineries at only about 77 percent of their capacity of 3.3 million barrels a day, according to British Petroleum Co.'s world energy review.

But other Chinese sources said Beijing's stance stemmed from a basic reluctance to open the country's lucrative domestic markets to foreigners.

"If it's a new refinery, and if the foreign party wants to sell refined products domestically, it'll face some objections," a source at Sinochem, a state-rup

oil company, said. China's thirst for oil to feed its booming economy has pushed domestic prices pushed domestic prices higher than international levels. Many oil companies made huge profits last year exporting to China, and many more are keen to invest billions of dollars in refineries with the objective of later setting up retail and distribu-

tion outlets in the country. But China will not take the bait, preferring to keep a tight hold on its own market.

The Sinochem source said a 100,000 harrel-a-day project at Dalian, a joint venture between Total SA of France and a Chinese consortium, was an exception because Total would have no marketing role.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group plans to build a refinery with a capacity of 5 million metric tons a year in Huizhou, in Guangdong Province, and the company said it doubted the project would be affected by Beijing's aversion to new facilities.

The Huizhou project "was in the pipeline" before the shift in China's attitude, said Jamie Halls, a Hong Kong-based spokesman for Shell.

At least some Chinese com-pany officials recognize that Beijing's new position could cause major problems for the oil-refining sector as it struggles to keep up with demand.

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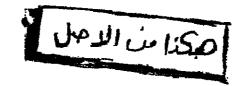
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Budding Stars Create Aura of Excitement in the Big East

By Jason Diamos New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Three new coaches, each of whom loves to run on league has come to be known for. offense and press on defense. Two whom may force their new coaches to run whether they like it or not. Syracuse and Connecticut, both favorites again this season, both with tradition steeped in wide-open basketball.

Don't look now, but the Big East has finally caught up with the '90s. "The perception of the Big East being a bump-and-grind league hurt it with a lot of players in the past." At St. John's, Brian Mahoney said Pitt's Ralph Willard, one of the landed two of the nation's top 20 to go somewhere they allow you to play, not where he thinks they treat you like a sumo wrestler."

Willard, a one-time assistant to rejuvenating the Western Kentucky program. He noted the successes of

reliance on tenacious defense and league, we're getting kids who want it was that close."

Dall-control offense, something the to go up and down the floor. On the court, no

Those guys won," he said. "I'm marquee freshman guards, both of not knocking that. Other people use whom may force their new coaches to that to knock the league. But the perception I hear out there now is that people are taking notice of the recruiting classes and the new style of play. There seems to be a lot of interest in what's going to happen with the Big East. I think you're going to see contrast and that helps create excite-

league's new coaches." A kid is going prep players: Felipe Lopez and Zendon Hamilton. The 6-foot, 5-inch (1.96-meter) Lopez, widely viewed as the national player of the year in high school last season, may already be the Rick Pitino, came to Pittsburgh after one of the most explosive players in the country.

"One of the things we're stressing schools like Georgetown, St. John's is we do have very good quickness close the Big East came to being his-

One of those kids landed on his feet at Georgetown. John Thompson has actually indicated that he feels he might have to loosen up on his notoriously tight reins on at least one of his players, the impact freshman point guard, Allen Iverson.

The arrival of Lopez and Iverson has created an anticipation around the league that arguably has not been present since Chris Mullin and Patrick Ewing played for the same two schools a decade ago.

The irony is that a lot of people were writing off the Big East as recently as a year ago. The league nearly folded over a bitter disagreement on how to expand its membership or whether to even expand at all.

"I think as close as you can get, we were there," said the league's commissioner, Mike Tranghese, on how

On the court, no longer were comparisons being made with the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big Ten. Instead, it was the stepchild Atlantic 10, with teams like Massachusetts, Temple and George Washington, stealing the thunder of the

supposed beasts of the East.
But then Syracuse and Connecticut made the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament last spring, and Boston College came out of nowhere to reach the final eight. The conference signed some mighty recruits between seasons and has done more of the same during this year's early signing period. And Willard, Seton Hall's George Blaney (from Holy Cross) and Providence's Pete Gillen (from Xavier) should help infuse the league with even more life with their up-tempo offenses and pressing defenses.

"I was not one who thought the Big ast had gone so far away," said East had gone so far away,"

maintain a lofty position, but I don't know that it had gone down that far."

"I felt the Big East never went anywhere," said Villanova's coach, Steve Lappas. "We had six teams in the tournament and one that won the NIT. I don't buy any of that stuff."

Lappas's Wildcats, who won the National Invitation Tournament behind Kerry Kittles, were picked fourth by the coaches in their annual preseason poll, behind Syracuse, Georgetown and Connecticut.

The Orange has Lawrence Moten, who Kittles will challenge for player-of-the-year honors. Moten, a 6-5 swingman, averaged 21.5 points a game last season and is deadly from 17 feet in. By season's end, he will probably be the all-time leading scorer in school history — and Derrick Coleman, Louis Orr, Pearl Washing-ton, Sherman Douglas and Billy Ow-ens all played for Syracuse. If the Big

and Seton Hall in past years and their this year," said Mahoney. "As a tory. "Hands were on the doorknob, Blaney. "It's difficult for anybody to East has a marquee upperclassman this year, Moten is it.

Georgetown has Othella Harrington to go along with Iverson. UConn has Ray Allen, Doron Sheffer, Donny Marshall and Kevin Ollie. And Villanova could conceivably challenge for the league title behind Kittles and Jason Lawson.

Then comes St. John's, which was picked in a tie for fifth with Providence. Next are Boston College, Pitt, Miami and Seton Hall. The Hall can take heart, however. Villanova was picked to finish last a year ago.

"There are going to be some sur-prises," Lappas said. "Last year, we were a surprise."

It will not be a surprise if the league lands as many as six teams in the tournament, something Mahoney has predicted. Nor will it be a surprise if you start seeing some higher scores come conference play.

Dubious Call And a Foul Do In Duke

The Associated Press

Cherokee Parks lost his temper on a controversial call, and Duke lost the kind of game it

frequently wins. Parks, who had 24 points. fouled out with 4:40 remaining Tuesday night, and the sixthranked Blue Devils were defeated, 90-86, by No. 16 Connecticut in the second game of the

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS inaugural Great Eight Basketball Festival in Auburn Hills

Eight-ranked Florida beat. Boston College, 91-65, in the first game.

Dametri Hill, suspendedi from Florida's first game for skipping classes, scored 15 of-his 19 points in the first half for-Florida (2-0).

Ray Allen led Connecticut

(2-0) with 26 points. Kevin Ol-, lie, who made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left for the final margin, had 24 points for, the Huskies, who beat Duke forthe first time in five meetings :

But the key to the game may have been the call that took Parks out of the lineup for Duke, (2-1), a young team learning to get along without the graduated All-American Grant Hill.

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when he was called for the foul. He then was assessed a technical foul, his fifth personal of the game.

No. 2 North Carolina 90, Pitt-67: In Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Rasheed Wallace scored a career-high 30 points on 14-for-19 shooting — including eight-dunks — with 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Reserve Garrick Thomas hit five 3-pointers in the second.

Baseball Strike Seems Likely To Encroach on '95 Season

By Mark Maske

WASHINGTON — The doomsday scenario continues to be played out in the major league baseball strike.

Representatives of the team owners and striking players met behind closed doors, but the negotiations were so far from promising that management's chief labor executive, Richard Ravitch, stayed in New York on other business rather than joining the proceedings near Leesburg, Virginia.

Nothing indicated there will be a breakthrough in the talks or that the owners will not declare an impasse and impose a salary cap system when they

meet Monday in Chicago. Union officials say the players would remain on strike if the owners impose a salary cap, so the longest work stoppage in sports history now appears to be on the verge of wiping out Opening Day 1995. And the owners soon may have to decide whether to attempt to field teams of replacement players next season.

Both sides appeared to have NBA Standings all but given up on reaching a negotiated settlement. Union officials seem to believe the bitter labor war will be played out Ortendo in court and on Capitol Hill, New York with congressional leaders promising to re-examine the owners' longstanding exemption from federal antitrust laws if the strike is unresolved early next year. The owners already are making provisions for doing business under the salary cap system they plan to implement. The talk among the owners mostly was about the ramifica-

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Management officials insist break ranks and return to work that negotiations could continue even after a salary cap system is implemented, but the leaguers and other strike break-Boston Red Sox' general partner, John Harrington, who is chairman of the owners' bargaining committee, said Tuesday: "It could be chaotic. But we've told the players that once you go past the point of imple-mentation, it's difficult to put the yolk back in the egg."

The owners plan to impose a system whereby revenue shar-ing and the salary cap would be phased in over four years. But other parts of the new

of salary arbitration and new minimum salaries, would take effect immediately. According to management

next season. The teams could fill out their rosters with minor

But there are some potential

problems for the owners if they try to field replacement teams. The Baltimore Orioles' majority owner, Peter Angelos, who built his Baltimore-based law practice representing local trade unions, has told associates he will not field a replacement team. Ontario provincial law prohibits the use of replacement workers, so the Toronto Blue Jays could not field a resystem, such as the elimination placement team. Or at least not one that plays its home games in Toronto.

And, meanwhile, the players who remain on strike could sources, the owners believe that form the nucleus of the rival league that is scheduled to be-25 to 30 percent of the players now in the major leagues would gin play in 1996.



STRAFED — John Starks dived over Scott Skiles, and prone teammate Patrick Ewing, to get the ball as the Knicks won, 99-91; it was the Bullets' fourth straight loss since acquiring Chris Webber, although he had 21 points and 11 rebounds. with 17 points.

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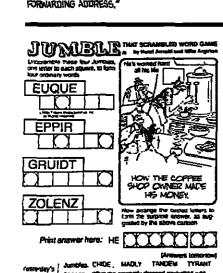
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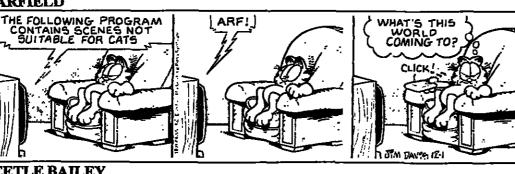


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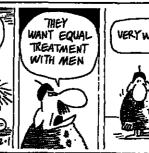














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By Beijing

BELIING — China's Olymnic Committee has asked for an investigation into charges that 11 of its athletes failed drug tests at last month's Asian

ightists

The committee was "shocked and upset" to receive notification that the athletes had tested positive for performance-ennancing drugs, the official newspapers People Daily and China Sports Daily reported a worldwide mittee had asked for an immediate investigation.

In Frankfurt, the German that, because of the latest tests, swimming events in China. "We do not want to be a part

of an event that is a doping nest," said a federation official, Ralf Beckmann. "Luckily for all of us, there is now proof to the years of speculation of mas-

Ironically, a number of coaches and trainers from former East Germany, whose athletes have admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs, are now working in China.

Another official newspaper, the Beijing Youth Daily, said Yang Aihua, who was suspended after she tested positive for steroids in Hiroshima, Japan, before the Asian Games, had protested to the international swimming federation.

Yang, who won the women's 400-meter freestyle in the World Championships in Rome, questioned the techniques used by Japanese testing officials, the Beijing Youth Daily reported. It said she had sent an official appeal to FINA saying that tests on three occasions of her Sept. 30 precompetition urine samples had yielded five different results.

The Beijing Youth Daily also said that Japan had the most to g in if Chinese swimmers are banned for drugs use. "If the Asian Games' suc-

esses of Lu Bin, Xiong Guoming and others come into trovble, more than 10 swimming gold medals would fall into the hands of the Japanese," th newspaper said.
Officials at China's Olympic

Committee office were not available for comment Wednes-(AP. Reuters)

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Investigation Is Sought In More May Be Lost Than Just China's Athletic Reputation In Sought

dinosaur romanties not yet extinct who believe in the spiritual power of athletes. For me, China represented the greatest, freshest hope of exposing and correcting a Western culture of sport that seems to have lost its way.

Of course, every generation doubts its own virtue, and it's hard to distance yourself from the world in which you live. What we're seeing might be nothing more permanent than the pains of athletes growing accus-tomed to their instant global celebrity. It's no easy thing to -

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Wednesday, quoting unidentified sources who said the com-the Charles Lindberghs and Jesse Owenses, but their charisma is not so vital today, when anybody of talent can aspire to quick fame, with one extended burst of achievement bring-Swimming Federation said ing in enough cash to last a lifetime. Such rewards used to come as a surprise for certain Germany will boycott the magical champions, but marketing glory is swimming world cup, to be held in Beijing on Jan. 7-8, and other pressures and temptations to become somepressures and temptations to become something more than a winner must be immense.

ONDON — There still are a few of us change that. They still can. The Chinese women who ran away with the distance med-als at the World Athletics Championships last year were not chasing money, that was clear. What was their inspiration? Where did they find their strength?

Western experts accused them of taking drugs. The Chinese responded that the West was jaded. The Chinese were right. We are cynical of modern day motives. This is a reaction taught by the Ben Johnsons, the Diego Maradonas and the Tonya Hardings who have aspired to become the Lindberghs of our age. Everyone is chasing fame these days, overtaking rainbows.

Cheating isn't universal; of course it isn't. There are some wonderful athletes who appear to hold true to the highest values. I'm thinking of the ones who compete at the highest level after earning enough to retire on; but there's no sense any longer in deifying them beyond their achievements. Too often we invent heroes without understanding who they really are. For people in my business, that is the lesson of the O.J. Simpson case.

So what station do we give to athletes? To apply the term "role model" has become irrelevant and cliched. What values do we

assign to athletic performance now that their Yang Aihua, the 400-meter freestyle champi-methods of the former Eastern European business has outgrown the traditional values?

I thought the Chinese might have something good to say about that. The West talks of "opening up" China, but the movement is reciprocal. The Chinese, their motives, their aspirations, are a mystery for most of us. I'm talking not about the Chinese government but the people of great achievement who survive unbroken by the government. As for those Western experts who assured us that the Chinese distance runners were fueled by performance-enhancing drugs, I wanted to believe that their cynicism was driven by fear.

OR IF THE CHINESE were running I clean, then their opponents were looking at a revolution. Here we are, content to believe that we're basically as fast as we're ever going to get, that the human spirit can drive us only fractionally faster - and along comes a society with a completely different outlook, not bound by our limits, sprinting ahead.

Today brings relief for those who might have been forced to adapt to Chinese ways. Eleven Chinese from the recent Asian Games have been accused of having failed drug tests. including Lu Bin, who set a world record for the 200-meter individual medley. Last week,

on, was banned for two years for displaying communists? To do so is to discount their excessive levels of testosterone. That seems to nullify China's dominance of those world swimming championships in September. Chinese athletes have been caught in 34 drug tests since 1987 — which is alarming, as testing procedures are thought to catch only a fraction of drug users. No women runners have been implicated from the "Family Army" of Ma Junren, who coaches China's most famous athletes, but a shadow has been

There are two ways of looking at this. The first is that all athletes use performanceenhancing drugs of some type. This isn't necessarily true, but you hear it from the ones who are tossed out of their sport. They say that everyone uses some kind of mystery elixir, some barely legal within the rules of the federation, some barely illegal, some blatantly illegal. They say the most important factors legal as long as you aren't caught. It's all a performance without cheating, allowing the matter of degree to them, and the degree is world's largest nation to set a new agenda on easily obscured by its reward.

The other perspective is to suggest that the Chinese don't realize their own strength. Why that will never happen. Next thing I'll be

own culture. They have their own science, their own diet and their own approach to work. They have been a closed society for centuries, and now the first outsiders they're paying attention to are the shyster coaches from the former East Germany?

At first glance the Chinese brought hope to the table. Through their newfound dedication to sports, the universal language, we might have gained insight to a different philosophy, perhaps one that isn't so fixated on the shortterm rewards of temporary fame. Is modernday sport all about selling more Coca-Cola? We could all use a little enlightenment.

Perhaps, unfortunately, the Chinese apparently have failed to realize what a mess the rest of us are in. But it is still early in the game for them. Their approach to sport is decentralized; perhaps, if the bad news is true, it are when and how you use it and that you are could still be unified under the philosophy of its terms, rather than co-opting ours.

There I go, talking myself into something would they turn so obviously to the drug saying is that all champions are role models.



Emil Van Land The Associated Pres

THEY WERE BITING — Cor Stoop got his false teeth back Wednesday in Amsterdam after having lost them during a fishing trip in the North Sea three months ago. The dentures were found Sunday in the stomach of a 9.5 kilogram cod caught by a customer of Hugo Slamat, right, who runs a tackle shop and organizes fishing trips.

Davis Cup: The Kafelnikov Factor

By Christopher Clarey Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - Like any self-respecting tennis star with a rapidly burgeoning bank account, Yevgeni Kafelnikov has his Ferrari. What he doesn't have, at least not yet, is his BMW.

The BMW was promised to Kafelnikov and each of his Davis Cup teammates in a series of television commercials run by Binitec, an enterprising and clearly patriotic Russian finan-cial services company, should they beat heavily favored Ger-of the world's top doubles playmany in the semifinals.

way, the Russian players ful- get the chance to get outside. I filled their end of the bargain in am a little bit in this category Hamburg. That apparently myself. I might have gotten furcame as something of a surprise ther in the singles rankings if I to Binitec, because it has yet to had the chance sooner." band over the keys.

Don't cry for young Yevgeni. only thing to not go his way this year, with the exception of that fifth set against world No. 1 Open way back in January. Kafelnikov, then still several

weeks shy of his 20th birthday, Zvereva in the women's field lost that second-round match. first convinced Soviet sports au-3-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 7-9. But in the undivided attention of everyone who earns a very good living by traipsing the globe with racket and room-service menu in hand.

"Best Russian," Sampras would say later. "Best groundies I've ever faced."

Andre Agassi, Goran Ivanisevic, Jim Courier, Michael Stich, Michael Chang, Jim Courier, Stefan Edberg and Sergi Bruguera,

By season's end, the lean. blond Russian with the school- It will be one or the other. boy haircut and manly game "If a new tour becomes a re-would soar from No. 102 to No. ality in 1995 or thereafter, our

Ferreira." Gullikson said.

Melbourne, there is this non-policy board, Finchem said. negligible matter of the Davis Petersburg - and it marks the on the PGA Tour." first time in history that a Soviet In fact, Finchem said, Noror Russian team has advanced man is the only tour member he

back," said Kafelnikov in his im-perfect yet improving English. a spokesman and prime mover in the venture that was an-

of the credit for his rise to his with Moscow's heavy hitters, coach, Anatoli Lepeshin, has yet to lose a singles match in Davis Cup this year, going 6-0 as the Russians defeated Australia, the Czech Republic and then Germany. He also is 2-1 in doubles with partner and friend Andrei Olhovskiy, who at age 28 has been on the scene long enough to put Russia's new

cast on them as well.

prodigy in historical perspective. "He is getting a chance that ers. "We had many players who With Kafelnikov leading the were very talented but didn't

Olhovskiy is the same age as Andrei Chesnokov, the besthowever. This is perhaps the known Soviet player of his gencration who, because of a personality conflict with its captain. Vadim Borisov, is not part of Pete Sampras at the Australian this team. It was Chesnokov, a French Open semifinalist in 1989, who along with Natalia

> fighting such battles. And their some basic drills. sport has become fashionable

most prominently with Yeltsin, have competed in the French Open junior tournament.

The film director Nikita Mikhalkov, whose most recent effort, "Soleil Trompeur," was honored at the Cannes Film Festival, is the new president of the Russian Tennis Federation. "President Yeltsin is a big

supporter," Olhovskiy said. 'He helps us some. He helps us a little with our taxes." Meanwhile, tennis court construction around Moscow is on

the rise, even though the number of licensed players remains very low. "Tennis is seen as a sport for the elite," Olhovskiy said. "Before, everything was pretty cheap but the average person couldn't find a lot of supplies

like good balls or good rackets

or good strings. Now, those things are available, but they are too expensive for the average person. There has never been anything average about Kafelnikov on a tennis court. Born in the thorities to permit them to keep Black Sea resort of Sochi, he first picked up a racket at age 6 dependent States, then Russia.

top player in his age group in the U.S.S.R. But the following who plays often and has a year, a more driven youngster grandson talented enough to named Andrei Medvedev began to dominate national competition. The two gifted boys would end up becoming fast friends, and though the demise of the U.S.S.R. turned Medvedev into a Ukrainian, their relationship

has remained strong. "I was maybe more talented than Andrei when I was 12 or 13, but he was a really hard worker," Kafelnikov said. That is why he improved much faster than me."

But this could end up being a classic tortoise-and-hare tale. With a lot of help from Lepeshin, the former Soviet junior coach. Kafelnikov has developed a work ethic to go with his talent, and at the end of this year, he was ranked four places higher than his more voluble friend and fellow Ferrari own-

More success against the Swedes could turn him into a national hero in a Russia that is still getting re-accustomed to feeling like a nation.

"We were the Soviet Union, then the Commonwealth of In-In newly capitalist Russia, when a tennis coach, who was a said Olhovskiy. "I am proud to Kafelnikov and his teammates good friend of his parents, in-no longer have to worry about vited Yevgeni to run through haps too soon to feel very naome basic drills.

By age 12, he had become the used to seeing the Russian flag."

The 'Yugoslav Problem' Now Strikes Handball

provisionally lifted, Yugoslavia is quickly being reprogrammed into the sporting calendar. But the luck of the draw is hardly working in favor of a seamless and tension-free transition.

word that the Yugoslavian men's basketball team would have to face Bosnia-Herzegovina during a qualifying tournament for next June's European Championships. Then, on Tuesday, came the

Team Handball Champi-

tions. Eight preliminary-round groups for each competition were selected by lot. As coincidence would have it, the Yugoslavs and Croatians ended up in the same four-team groups for

Michael Wiederer, secretary general of the European Hand-ball Federation, which conducted the draw.

To the further amazement of

First, on Saturday, came both the boys and girls events. "Really unbelievable," said

draw for next year's World Ju- officials and the further dismay of the Croatians, the Yugoslavs Yugoslavia and Croatia both had entered the boys' under-21 groups. Unless a change is Topean Federation on Wedneswere then selected - again by

"It is simply not possible for our girls and boys to go in Yu-goslavia," said an incredulous Viktor Zovko, the secretary general of the Croatian handball federation. "No parent would allow their child to go compete. Even if you put many policemen around, you never know how many Serbs might be around who lost brothers or sons in war in Croatia. You never know what somebody

could do."

Special to the Herold Tribune and the girls' under-20 competi-With international sanctions tions, along with 27 other na-to compete in Belgrade next move the games to a neutral June if they want to participate site. Wiederer said the issue would be reconsidered in December by the executive board, but indicated that a change was

far from certain.

"It's written in our statutes that political reasons cannot prevent our members from competing in such tournaments," he said. "There are other such problems. We have a group in men's European qualifying with Cyprus and Turkey in it. We have had European club matches between Macedonia and Greece. There is no political draw or geography draw,

Similar encomiums soon would be heard from the likes of Andre Agassi, Goran Ivanisevic, PGA's Response: A Flat 'No'

their prize money.

TAMPA, Florida - The who all would lose at least once lines have been clearly drawn to Kafelnikov during 1994. lines have been clearly drawn between the established PGA between the established PGA Tour and the new World Tour:

11 in the rankings and work his members will have to decide way onto the very short list of whether they want to continue those whom Sampras's coach, to play on the PGA Tour or Tim Gullikson, views as a play on a new tour," the PGA threat to his protégé in 1995. Tour's commissioner, Tim Finthreat to his protege in 1995. Tour's commissioner "Agassi has stepped up; so chem, said Tuesday.

has Boris Becker, and then The hard-line stance toward there's Kafelnikov and Wayne the ambitious venture spearheaded by Greg Norman was But before every man re- unanimously approved during a sumes playing for himself in two-day meeting of the tour's

And, he said, "it is worth not-Cup final against Sweden. It ing that a substantial majority begins on Friday in Moscow - of PGA Tour members, as well partly because Russian Presi- as a number of prominent nondent Boris Yeltsin is a self-con-tour players, have expressed fessed tennis nut who is not their intention to continue to prepared to commute to Saint support our sponsors and play

this stage.
"We are going to have 200 mitted to the World Tour, million people behind our The Australian star has been

Kafelnikov, who gives much nounced more than two weeks

prised by the PGA Tour's with the regular tour schedule, moves, but hoped for a recon- and players will have to choose ciliation. "I've always been a believer

that you could have both tours," he said in Melbourne. "You can't go along and under-mine the PGA Tour. From my point of view I've always said that it has got to be interfaced with the PGA Tour."

Mark Calcavecchia, also in Australia, said he doubted the World Tour would get off the ground in 1995 "despite what Greg is saying and what other

that the plan to start next year was not cast in stone. "It will happen," he said. "Whether it panion television release rule happens in 1995, 1996 or 2006,

it will happen." Finchem noted that the the Federal Trade Commission.

/orld Tour showed some flex
"We are aware that, in the World Tour "showed some flexibility," in a meeting last week near future, the staff at the FTC with PGA officials, but he "in- may request the FTC commissisted that, due to their arrange- sioners to initiate formal proments with Fox Network, most ceedings aimed at eliminating of their events would have to be these rules," Finchem said. held during the official money

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season" of the PGA Tour.

That would put it in conflict the circuit in which they want to compete, Finchem said.

Most leading American players, as well as Nick Price of Zimbabwe, currently No. 1 in the world rankings, have indicated an interest in Norman's concept, but have said they would do nothing to challenge the PGA Tour.

To enforce the PGA Tour's "one or the other" policy, Fin-chem has at his disposal the "conflicting event" rule, which people are saying."

"We've got to work together," he said. "We don't want to keep fighting with each other."

Norman said Wednesday

requires players to obtain formal releases from the commissioner to compete in non-tour tournaments.

Failure to do so could result

in the player's suspension.

That regulation and a commay be in jeopardy, however.

"We intend to do what is necessary to preserve these rules."

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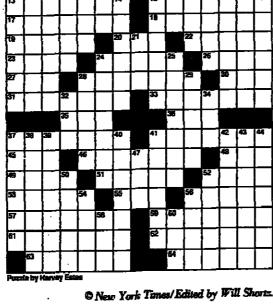
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A Hot Investment Tip

WASHINGTON — I re-ceived a call from my broker, Michael Jay Bruce, the oth-

"I have a hot investment," he

"What is it?" I asked excited-

"Orphanages. I'm recommending that all my clients put their money in

огрhaпages. "I thought orphanages were out of fashion. "They're coming back.

Newt Gingrich, the new speaker of the House, is rec-Buchwald

ommending that they put children of welfare mothers into orphanages. The problem is that there aren't enough buildings to handle all the kids that will be sent away." "Why is that?"

"The Democrats goofed. They were influenced by Charles Dickens, and they let the orphanages close during their 40 years in office. Now Congress is going to have to finance a crash program to get the new institutions built. We

Christo Says He'll Wrap Reichstag Next June

The Associated Press

BERLIN -- Christo, who has wrapped islands off Miami and a bridge in Paris, has unveiled his plans to cover the Reichstag in Berlin with a silver blanket.

Christo will use 75,000 square meters (90,000 square yards) of a silver propylene fabric to cover the building. His 160 assistants will start wrapping on June 17. It will take about a week to complete the job, and the Reichstag will re-main covered through July 6.

can make a bundle on the investment once Gingrich gets his plan passed."

"It sounds good on paper," I admitted. "But suppose the mothers won't give up their kids? Then the orphanages will have a lot of empty beds."

"They won't have a choice," Bruce said. "Under the Gingrich plan unmarried mothers under 18 would be denied aid. This should give us at least 970,000 orphans. Then Gingrich also wants some children put up for adoption. I figure that that isn't going to work because most of the children are too old, so they will have to build even more orphanages than they envisioned."

"How much will it cost to build a good home to house welfare children?" I asked

"An average of \$30 million per institution. "That's a lot."

"They have to be escape-proof, so that the kids don't run off to find their mothers."

"It sounds like a good investment. Welfare mothers have been getting away with murder, and if they can't cut the mustard we might as well take it out on their children. Michael, are you sure this isn't too good to be true?"

"I swear it's part of Gingrich's solution to getting people off the poverty rolls. He calls it the Personal Responsibility Act. Ordinarily, anyone who proposed this sort of thing would have been taken away in a straitjacket by now. But Newt is the speaker of the House, and if he says that orphanages are the solution to our welfare problems, then we're going to end up with orphanages coming

out of our ears." "O. K., I'll invest in building them," I told Bruce. "It's rare that I can help get people off welfare and make a profit at the

By Sarah Lyali New York Times Service A Sample Passage GLASGOW - No sooner had James Kel-

man's novel "How Late It

One of the judges, Rabbi

Julia Neuberger, declared

that the book was unreada-

bly bad and said that the

awarding of the prize. Brit-

ain's most important, was a

Simon Jenkins, a conser-

vative columnist for The

Times of London, called the

award "literary vandalism."

Several other critics sniped

that the book should have been dis-

qualified because of its heavy use of

Meanwhile, the British literary es-

tablishment huddled together de-fensively as Kelman appeared in a business suit at the black-tie Booker

affair and, in his heavy Scottish ac-

cent, made a rousing case for the

culture and language of "indige-

nous" people outside of London.

elitism and racism," he said. "On

matters concerning language and

culture, the distinction can some-

Part stream of consciousness,

part third-person narrative, sparsely

punctuated, devoid of chapters and

written entirely in the words and

cadences of working-class Glasgow, "How Late It Was, How Late" does

make for hard reading, which seems to explain some of the objections.

But other critics have greeted the

novel, the story of a down-and-out

Glaswegian former convict who has

a run-in with the police and wakes

up to discover that he has suddenly

gone blind, as a literary triumph.

nette Turner Hospital called Kel-

man a "poet and magician" and said

the book was a "passionate, scintil-

It is nothing new for Kelman's

work - which includes four other

lating, brilliant song of a book."

Writing in The Independent, Ja-

times cease to exist altogether."

"A fine line can exist between

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Was, How Late" won this HERE is an excerpt from "How Late It Was, How Late" by James Kelman: year's Booker Prize for fiction than a full-scale furor

> "People got wound up awful easy. Ye noticed that a lot. Tam was actually younger than Sammy; no much, but still and all. And there he was. He didnay even realize it was a wind-up. the sodjers; that was all they were doing, winding him up. Tam just hadnay twigged it. He knew better too that was the problem, he was experienced. It was just how they caught ye unawares. So it didnay matter, how long in the tooth ye were man it didnay matter, know what I mean, if ye got caught

> > novels, a number of plays and about 100 short stories — to generate strong reactions, both for and

He has been compared to James Joyce, to William Kennedy and to Samuel Beckett, but when the first Kelman short story was accepted by magazine at York University in 1972, the printer refused to print it because of the profamity. And in the unid-1970s, one publisher urged him to write more accessibly, saying, Kelman recalled in an interview in his home in a suburb of Glasgow, that "work written in Glaswegian dialect doesn't sell in America."

For the author, a slight man with haunting eyes and a grave manner that gives way easily to sardonic humor, the central issue is cultural

imperialism through language. Recalling times when Glaswegian accents were banned from the radio, or when his two daughters were reprimanded in school for using the Scots "aye" instead of the English 'yes," he said it was wrong to call the language of his work "vernacu-lar" or "dialect."

"To me, those words are just another way of inferiorizing the language by indicating that there's a standard," he said. "The dictionary would use the term 'debased.' But it's the language! The living language, and it comes out of many different sources, including Scot-land before the English arrived."

about the criticisms, Kelman said that the Booker Prize had given him a useful opportunity to air his views about language and about the disenfranchised people who are his sub-

Glaswegian Words From a Controversial Writer

It has helped the book sell more than 20,000 copies in hard cover in Britain, and it certainly has raised the author's profile among publishers in the United States, where "How Late It Was, How Late" is to be published by W. W. Norton on Dec. 12.
The \$30,000 prize has

also had happy financial consequences for the oftenbroke Kelman, who left school at the age of 15 and worked at a num-

ber of manual jobs even as he began writing some 20 years ago. Having spent his life in a series of apartments, he was able to move six months ago to a large house with a garden. He has also invested in a new computer to replace his creaky grime-covered one, and his wife, a social worker for homeless people, has been able to reduce her working

What's more, Kelman said, the Booker brings a special kind of pres-tige to someone like him, one of a group of strong writers to emerge from Glasgow in recent years, in-cluding Jeff Torrington and Alasdair Gray.

"The meaning of the prize comes from other people," said Kelman, who chain-smokes cigarettes that he rolls himself. "I was aware of its importance from writers both from this community in Glasgow and the extended community in Scotland, and also other communities that you could say were in similar situations. Friends of mine who are Afro-Caribbean or from India or Pakistan, or Irish or American people, said they were amazed, astonished and delighted that this statement could have been made from the cen-

ter of the city of London." Particularly annoying to Kelman (although Kelman does his best not

Ken D. Paterson for The New York Tunes

"It's the language! The living language," says novelist Kelman.

to look annoyed) has been the re-newed criticism that his writing is shoddy and somehow subliterary. Referring to Kelman's protagonist and narrator, Sammy. Jenkins of The Times, for instance, said the book represented "the ramblings of a Glaswegian drunk."

And another journalist took it upon himself to count how many times a particular obscenity appeared in "How Late It Was," arriving at the impressive number of

"Some people say my work has no value," Kelman said. "They find a way of saying it's not literature, just oral tradition. Or perhaps that be-cause you write from the point of view of people whose language is debased, then your language is debased, and therefore you're a debased writer, or really not a writer at

"I've won a major prize before," he went on, referring to the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, which he won in 1989 for his novel "A Disaf-

PEOPLE

fection," "and one of the people associated with it asked me if I ever revised my work."

Yes, Kelman said, he does revise. even more so because the language he uses is so singular. Well into his cigarette, perhaps his 10th in two hours, he launched into a fierce de-

"In order to fight against the house style you have to justify every single comma," he said. "Every comma in my work is my comma Every absence of a comma or full stop or semicolon or colon is my absence. You have to be much more precise and bloody pedantic.

"You have to revise and revise and proof at every bloody stage to insure that everything's spot on, especially because you're working in what other people regard as inconsistent ways, so you have to be really

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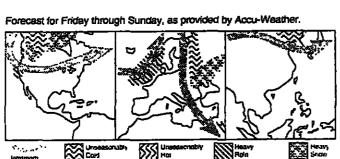
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He stamped the cigarette out and began to roll another one. "You have to trust the fact that you're a

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PENTHOUSE magazine has been or-dered not to distribute or promote partially nude photographs of Panla Jones, who has accused President Bill Clinton of sexually harassing her while he was governor of Arkansas. Jones said the photographs were taken by a former boyfriend, Mike Turner, and were intended for his eyes only, and brought suit against the magazine in District Court in New York. Victor A. Kovner, a lawyer for Turner and Penthouse, said the temporary order was too late to stop distribution of the photos since the January issue hits the newsstands

vith **Mick** J finished first in New York magazine's model-celebrity relationship marathon. The couple's endurance topped a list of star teamings strewn with unhappy endings labeled "split" and "fizzled." Jagger's bandmate in the Rolling Stones, Keith Richards, and his wife, the former model Patty Hansen, held second place with 15

The Bad Sex Prize, an award given by The Literary Review of Britain for the worst description of sex in a novel, was

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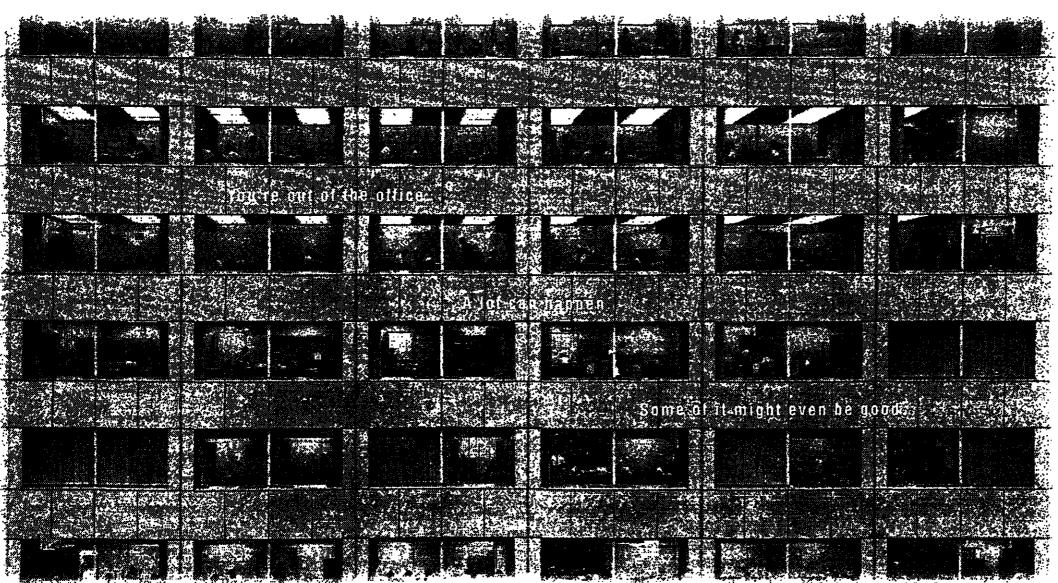
Jerry Hall: Marathon relationship.

awarded to a director of Sotheby's auction house. Philip Hook fought off stiff competition from the best-selling novelist Jilly Cooper, among others. The passage in Hook's book, "The Stonebreakers," that clinched victory included the lines; "Their jaws ground in feverish mutual mastication. Saliva and sweat. Sweat and saliva. There was a purposeful shedding of clothing." Hook's prize, presented and London dinner, is a statuette, said to represent bad sex.

Seiji Ozawa has led the Boston Sympho ny for 21 years, a rarity in an age ol musical-chair conductors, but he says he's ready for more. "We're just like a husband and wife," he said on his arrival in Tokyo on Wednesday for his fifth Asian tour with good points and bad points.

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Prince Takamodo of Japan and Presi ient Lech Walesa of Poland opened a Japanese Art and Technology Center on Wednesday in the southern Polish city of Krakow. The Center, a two-story building of brick, glass and wood, was designed by the Japanese architect Arata Isozaki. It will house a collection of Japanese art assembled by Feliks Jasienski, a connoisseur of the turn of the century.



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